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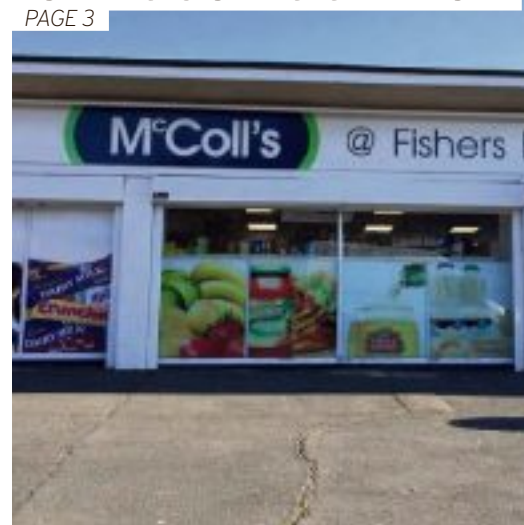
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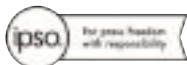
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A FESTIVE ADVENTURE

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS SLEIGH RIDE: Harlow Playhouse, Playhouse Square, Friday, December 14, times vary

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■ In this special concert, the two composers take turns to conduct their own festive repertoire with the BBC Singers and the BBC Concert Orchestra.

The programme is packed with seasonal favourites including the Star Carol, Jesus Child and The Shepherd's Carol and there will also be the chance for audience participation to kick-start Christmas.

Tickets from £24. For more details visit: www.saffronhall.com

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For more details visit: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/whats-on/enchanted-audley-13-12-18/

DAY OUT WITH DOGS

CHRISTMAS WALK AND DOGGIE FAIR: Harlow

Town Park, Park Lane, Saturday, December 15, 12.30 - 4.30pm

■ In aid of Street Vets and Veterans with Dogs.

Meeting point is the Greyhound car park. The doggie fair will be at the park learning centre and will be open from 1.30pm.

There will a great selection of things to buy and also a raffle. There's no set fee to take part in the walk. Every penny raised will go towards helping dogs and their human families.

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■ The Saffron Walden Christmas Fairies and Elves coming out to play.

Follow on Saffron Shop Local to find the clues to where they are hiding each week. Get an entry form from the Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre.

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News

McColl's fined £100k after a 'serious risk' food inspection

By **HANNAH BROWN**hannah.brown@reachplc.com
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THE national retailer McColl's has been fined £100,000 after multiple food hygiene offences were discovered at its Harlow store.

During a routine inspection of the Fishers Hatch shop multiple food hygiene infringements were found that could have lead to food poisoning.

In the inspection in July 2017, the bain-marie used for heating hot dogs and the oven used for baking pies, pastries, bread and other food for public sale were both in a 'filthy' condition.

Both were covered in grease and full of burnt and greasy food deposits and the bottom of the bain-marie was full of greasy water.

Additionally the base of the milk fridge was found to be encrusted with dried milk residue.

Staff did not have access to appropriate hand washing facilities to use before and after handling open food.

Refrigerated food such as chicken wraps, sandwiches, sausage rolls and cartons or fruit juice were being stored at a temperature in excess of the legal maximum of eight degrees.

This control of temperature is described as being 'essential' in restricting the growth in numbers of food poisoning bacteria.

At the time of the inspection by a Senior Environmental Health Officer from Harlow Council, the store was issued with a food hygiene rating of zero, the lowest possible rating.

Martin McColl Ltd, which has around 1,600 stores and newsagents across the UK, was fined after a hearing last week on December 6, at Colchester Magistrates Court.

The company pleaded guilty to three charges under the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013.

In passing sentence the judge determined that the business was highly culpable, largely because the company did not sufficiently address similar failings that had been identified by the environmental health officer in May 2016, following a com-

'CONCERNS WERE AMONG SOME OF THE WORST WITNESSED BY AN OFFICER IN HARLOW FOR A NATIONAL FOOD CHAIN'



The McColl's store in Fishers Hatch, Harlow, which was found to have multiple food hygiene infringements

plaint made by a member of the public.

The judge noted that Harlow Council had made significant efforts to work with the company to secure compliance and that the remedial action needed was neither complicated nor costly to implement.

As well as the £100,000 fine, the company will have to pay Harlow Council's costs of around £17,000.

Jane Greer, head of community wellbeing, said: "Customers using the store were at a serious risk of getting food poisoning and other food-borne illnesses as a result of eating items on public sale.

"Our environmental health team uncovered a number of food hygiene offences, which raised serious concerns, and were among some of the worst witnessed by an officer in Harlow for a national food store chain.

"Every day our environmental health team work diligently to protect residents from harm.

"We will always take all the steps necessary, including working with our own legal team to start court action if required, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents."

The company made representations to the court that it had taken steps to resolve the issues and had committed to a full refurbishment of the Fishers Hatch store in early 2019.

A McColl's spokesperson said: "We take the issue of food safety very seriously.

"We are committed to maintaining high standards of food safety procedures and take responsibility for this regrettable incident."



A picture taken during the July 2017 inspection in the Fisher's Hatch McColl's store showing the oven with burnt and greasy food deposits

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News

POLICE TAKE POSITIVE STEPS ON SITUATION

A SPOKESMAN for Essex Police said: "We have seen an increase in anti-social behaviour in Harlow compared to the same period last year and have taken positive steps to address this."

"The majority of the anti-social behaviour reports took place during the summer months with young people congregating outside Adams House and in Market Square. To deal with this we launched an operation in partnership with Harlow Council from July to November, which not only decreased reports of anti-social behaviour but led to 57 arrests."

"We have worked closely with the council to secure additional CCTV in the Adams House area. Our Community Policing Team have been carrying out increased patrols by foot and by bike. We have 17 student officers allocated to this team who have been given targeted foot patrols in the town centre. We have also utilised our plain clothed patrols to compliment visible patrols in operations to target drug dealing and as a result, several people were detained for drugs searches."

"Town link radio systems are now located to officers in house to ensure a quick response when we are called for assistance and the town centre also has a dedicated PC and PSCO."

"Other successes include securing a closure order against an address in Harlow which had connections to drugs and use and supply in the town centre. This protected the vulnerable persons being targeted and reduced anti-social behaviour reports."

"We have seen an increase in the number of people receiving criminal behaviour orders, helping to restrict their movements in the town centre, and drugs warrants have been executed at addresses with links to drug activity."

MP demands 'rowdy road' police action

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HARLOW'S MP has called for an increase in police presence in an area of the town blighted by anti-social behaviour.

Robert Halfon wrote to Brian Keane, CEO of Harlow Council and chief inspector Matt Cornish at Essex Police, highlighting growing concern about incidents in Old Harlow.

On November 29 the Star reported how residents on Market Street had shared stories of having people urinate on their cars, pints of beer thrown over them and how they had witnessed violent assaults.

That weekend previously police had rushed to the road after reports of a large fight in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Four men all suffered head injuries.

Mr Halfon said: "It is simply not right that residents in Market Street have experienced verbal abuse and seen physical fights."

"Their day-to-day life is being disrupted by anti-social behaviour."

The road has three pubs all within a mile of each other and residents claimed people leaving them drunk resulted in the trouble.

Mr Halfon added: "I want to support the pubs' business in the area, but I also want to ensure that they are neighbourly to the community around them."

"Both the council and Essex Police have a role to play here."

Mr Halfon wrote in his letter: "Residents have also stated that the pubs frequently breach their licensing agreements by leaving the door propped open, blaring loud music and having an inadequate number of staff on the door."

"Clearly there are grounds for a review of the licensing agreements of pubs in Market Street if we are to take action to end the violent assaults and improve neighbourly relations."

He also said the use of dispersal orders by the police, as was implemented last weekend in the area surrounding Market Street, were "essential" to achieve a balance between the pubs being allowed to profit, while being "responsible and neighbourly".

"There is a real need for increased police presence and activity in the area, intervening before tensions escalate and tending scenes of crime swiftly," he wrote.

"A visible presence will not only discour-

OLD HARLOW RESIDENTS REGULARLY HAVE PINTS OF BEER THROWN OVER THEM

age anti-social behaviour but help restore a sense of safety in the community for residents and feel assured that their well-being is of the utmost importance to us all."

Mr Halfon called on Essex Police and Harlow Council's community safety team to work together on a joint action plan and make Old Harlow a priority.

There is a real need for increased police presence and activity... tending to scenes quickly

Robert Halfon



Harlow MP, Robert Halfon

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Licensing team has visited pubs

A SPOKESMAN for Harlow Council said: "We share residents' concerns about the ongoing incidents of anti social and criminal behaviour in Market Street.

"We are already working closely with the Essex Police and only last Thursday in response to residents' concerns, we met with the Police to discuss what further can be done to address the issues.

"Last weekend a dispersal order was put in place by the police and they are committed to deploying extra resources in the area leading up to Christmas and the New Year.

"Our licensing team has visited the pubs to talk to Landlords about their responsibilities and the seriousness of the ongoing situation.

"We have had feedback from residents that these measures contributed to a much quieter weekend in and around Market Square last weekend.

"We will continue to monitor the situation closely working with the Police to play our part trying to deal with issues such as this.

"As the authority that issued the licences, we can only review the pubs' licences if residents and or the police call for a review.

"We have received requests for extending the CCTV coverage to include parts of Old Harlow. We are giving this serious consideration, which includes identifying funding."

Residents have spoken about life in Market Street, Harlow



Youths filmed in Market Street, Harlow, in the early hours of Saturday, November 24, 2018



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A FESTIVE MESSAGE

DUE to the Christmas and New Year holiday period, the Harlow Star will not be published over the next two weeks.

That means the next issue will be available on Thursday, January 3.

We wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

We will be back bringing you all the news from where you live in 2019 - but don't forget you can keep up-to-date with the latest happenings by visiting our website at www.essexlive.news

Until then, have a fantastic festive season.



The scene in Charters Cross, Harlow, after a tree fell down in Kelly Richold's garden

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Huge oak tree topples feet from sleeping woman

MOTHER NOW AFRAID FOR TWO MORE LARGE TREES DEEMED 'HEALTHY'

By **BECCA MCAULEY**
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A MUM said she had the fright of her life after a huge oak tree came crashing down into her garden - just a metre from where she slept.

Kelly Richold, 37, was woken up to the sounds of a crash on Friday night at a round 11pm when the tree uprooted and fell into the garden of her bungalow in Charters Cross, near Staple Tye, but it wasn't until the next morning that she realised what had happened.

Because it was dark outside Kelly could not see where the crash had come from, so she and her 15-year-old son ran around

the house locking the doors and windows in case there was someone in the garden.

Kelly said: "I thought that someone had broken in or something had crashed into the garden."

When she woke up on Saturday morning Kelly saw that some small trees in her garden had been crushed.

"I thought someone really had been in the garden," Kelly said. After she went outside to inspect further she saw a huge oak tree had fallen down, crushing part of a fence she had only just put up.

The tree had fallen a metre away from Kelly where she slept. She said if it had been any closer to her house it would have fallen into her bedroom.

Kelly phoned Harlow Council on Saturday and staff came round



Kelly Richold of Charters Cross, Harlow

that morning to saw off some parts of the tree, leaving it lying in pieces across her garden.

They told Kelly that it was likely the tree had become too heavy and its roots could not hold in the ground. Kelly is now worried about two more oak trees in the same area.

One is as big as the tree that smashed into her fence on Friday night and the other is even bigger.

But after asking Harlow Council if the same thing could happen to those trees, she said she was told that they looked healthy.

Kelly added: "I thought the other one looked healthy before it fell down."



I thought that someone had broken in or something had crashed into the garden.

Mum Kelly Richold

Police hunt killer after father shot in the face

ONLINE TRIBUTES SPEAK OF GRIEF AND 'COMPLETE SHOCK'

By **CHARLOTTE PAGE**

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POLICE say they are determined to bring to justice those involved in the killing of a Harlow father-of-two who was shot dead.

Emergency services were called to Ogard Road, Hoddesdon, at 9.25pm on Tuesday, December 4, after receiving reports of a man in his 20s suffering a gunshot wound to his face.

The victim, named as 26-year-old Esam Ayad from Harlow, was rushed to hospital but sadly died from his injuries the following day.

Mr Ayad's family are currently being supported by specialist officers from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire major crime unit.

A 16-year-old boy and a 27-year-old man from Broxbourne have

been arrested on suspicion of murder, as has a 25-year-old man of no fixed address.

The teenager and the 27-year-old have been released on police bail while investigations continue, meanwhile while the 25-year-old man has been recalled to prison.

Tributes have been pouring in online to My Ayad, who was also known as Hadje, with one friend writing: "I am still in complete shock. I can't believe you have been taken from your family and friends."

"You were my closest friend when we was younger always down the poundy having a laugh with everyone."

"Thank you for looking after my baby brother and being there for him when no one else was. I am heartbroken."

"I will be there for your family like you was for mine. Our king Hadje rest in peace and keep smiling up

A police car at a police cordon in Hoddesdon after a man suffered a gunshot wound to the face



Esam Ayad was a young father of two children

there."

Detective Chief Inspector Jerome Kent, from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Major Crime Unit, said: "A father of two very young children has had his life tragically cut short leaving his father, fiancée and wider family absolutely devastated."

"We're determined to identify, arrest and bring to justice those who were involved in Esam's death and provide answers to his family about why this has happened."

"One week on from the shooting, I'm again appealing for anyone who has any information, no matter how small it might seem, to get in touch."

"If you were in the Ogard Road area on the night of the shooting and have not already spoken to police, please get in touch as soon as possible."

"Even if you believe you did not witness anything we still need to

speak to you so that you can be eliminated from our enquiries."

Anyone who was in Ogard Road, Castle Road, Old Highway, Old Highway Recreation Ground, Lee Road or St Cuthberts Road between 9.15pm and 9.30pm on Tuesday, December 4, are asked to contact police via the non-emergency num-

ber 101 and quote crime reference 41/62710/18. People can also get in touch online at herts.police.uk/Report/Report. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, information can be reported via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through their online form at crimestoppers-uk.org

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Princess Alexandra Hospital has been awarded £9.5 million of government funding



Hospital given £9.5m boost

NHS MONEY IS FOR ADDITIONAL BEDS

By **BECCA MCAULEY**

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PRINCESS Alexandra Hospital in Harlow has been awarded £9.5 million of government funding to provide additional beds for patients as part of a billion pound investment in the NHS announced across the country.

The decision was confirmed in a letter sent by Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock to three MPs, Harlow's Robert Halfon, Saffron Walden MP Kemi Badenoch and Epping Forest's representative, Eleanor Laing.

In it, Mr Hancock said: "I am delighted to let you know that as part of our Long Term Plan for the NHS, the investments will be made in your constituency.

"We strongly support our NHS and want to help it be the best it can be.

"We are funding the additional bed capacity scheme with new investment of up to £9.5 million, which will deliver a primary, community and acute facility for the management of patients with ambulatory care sensitive conditions and the frail elderly.

"The increased funding and the Long Term Plan demonstrates our abiding commitment to the NHS so the NHS can be there for all of us, free at the point of use, long

into the future."

The funding drive is claimed to be the largest and longest funding settlement in the history of the NHS.

Reacting to the news, Mr Halfon said: "Day in, day out, I've been working hard for Harlow to get more money for our wonderful Princess Alexandra Hospital. Whilst I'm also campaigning hard for a new hospital, I'm very glad the Government have given another £9.5 million to invest in our NHS.

"Harlow hospital has amongst the highest use per head of the population it serves in the country, so this expansion will make a massive difference to the residents who need it most.

"There is an umbilical cord between the British people and our National Health Service.

"I will keep up the hard work to campaign for the new hospital Harlow needs to bring health care into the 21st Century and I welcome this latest investment -

ment in Harlow by the Government."

Earlier this year Essex county councillors were told that a new hospital in Harlow will be given the go-ahead.

Two potential locations have been suggested for the site of the new hospital, one in Harlow close to the M11 and another where thousands of homes are being developed in the Gilston Park Estate. A third option is replacing the existing Princess Alexandra Hospital buildings with a brand new complex, but the hospital board has argued the current state is no longer fit for purpose.

The chief executive of Princess Alexandra Hospital, Lance McCarthy, said a new hospital is needed for the town to keep up with its housing and population growth.

"We are working out of original 1960s buildings and infrastructure that causes us significant problems on a regular basis," he said.

"It is becoming increasingly hard for us to provide modern services in a building that wasn't designed for the volume and type of care we are providing," he said earlier this year.

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Robert Halfon MP

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News



Paul Roper
measuring one
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Keeping tabs on what wildfowl at reserve get up to

DUCKS FITTED WITH GPS TRACKERS TO GIVE INSIGHT INTO THEIR MOVEMENTS

By **SIMON MURFITT**

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DUCKS have been fitted with GPS trackers as part of an ambitious project aimed at gaining insight into how waterfowl use reservoirs and lakes.

The project is thought to be the first of its kind and aims to provide information on the activities of the wintering wildfowl – where they feed and roost, when they move and what routes they use.

Four ducks have so far been tagged at Rye Meads Nature Reserve in the Lea Valley near Hoddesdon and the project is expected to expand to further water bodies in the Colne Valley and Heathrow in the New Year.

The GPS trackers will allow researchers to track the ducks' movements remotely as they move between water bodies in the Greater London area.

The project, which is a partnership between Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, Environment Agency, Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and Thames Water, will help to identify which water bodies are most important and will help researchers understand how best to manage these sites for waterfowl.

Tim Hill, conservation manager at Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, said: "The Trust is excited to be working on this pioneering project with our partners.

"Little is known about the feeding and roosting habits of these birds and it will be fantastic to learn more about them.

"This project will also help us to manage the sites to best support wildfowl that spend the winter in the UK."

The project will focus on gadwall and shoveler. These ducks are native to the UK, but their num-

bers swell in the winter as the UK ducks are joined by birds escaping the harsh conditions in central and north-eastern Europe.

Paul Roper, the team leader tagging the ducks, said: "It has been a real challenge catching the gadwall which are difficult species to catch.

"We were delighted to make a successful catch of four birds on November 30 after weeks of watching the birds to work out how to catch them. We are really excited to deploy

four satellite trackers and hope to get some information back over the next few weeks which will answer some of the questions we are posing."

Sarah Scott, a biodiversity technical specialist for the Environment Agency, said: "Knowing how and where ducks roost and forage will support the Environ-



Paul Roper
weighing one
of the ducks

ment Agency's efforts to improve wetlands, vital to the health of the water environment, and with a number of benefits for nature and society. This is a really important piece of work."

All the tagging and ringing of the birds has been done under licence from the British Trust for Ornithology, following strict guidelines to ensure that the ducks are not harmed during the tagging process.



A male gadwall,
at Rye Meads,
with its GPS tag

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News



The Much Hadham store, which was the scene of an armed robbery

Man is arrested over armed raid

By **RICHARD BROWN**

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A MAN has been charged following a daylight armed robbery at a village store.

Police and the force helicopter were dispatched after reports of a gunpoint robbery at the Londis Store in Tower Hill, Much Hadham on Monday, December 3.

Officers were called at 1.53pm after allegations that a man approached the Post Office counter with a gun and demanded cash.

The cashier handed over cash, police said at the time, although no one was hurt in the incident.

Police issued an update on Friday, saying a 46-year-old man from Harlow had been arrested on suspicion of robbery and remained

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in police custody, before confirming on Tuesday that the man had been charged.

Mark Johnson, 46, of Pitmans Field, has been charged with robbery and possession of an imitation firearm and appeared at Hatfield Magistrates' Court on Monday.

During that initial appearance, he was remanded in custody until January 7, when he is due to appear at St Albans Crown Court.

In a statement on the shop's Facebook page, staff thanked the local community for their support and assured residents that they

were safe and unharmed.

They wrote: "As you all may have heard, Much Hadham Post Office was a victim of an armed robbery this afternoon. My team and I are all safe and unharmed."

"We want to thank you for all your support during this time. We aim to reopen the Post Office as soon as possible."

"May God give us strength and courage to overcome this terrible experience."

"Advice to all, please be extra vigilant during day and night and please report any suspicious activity to the police immediately."

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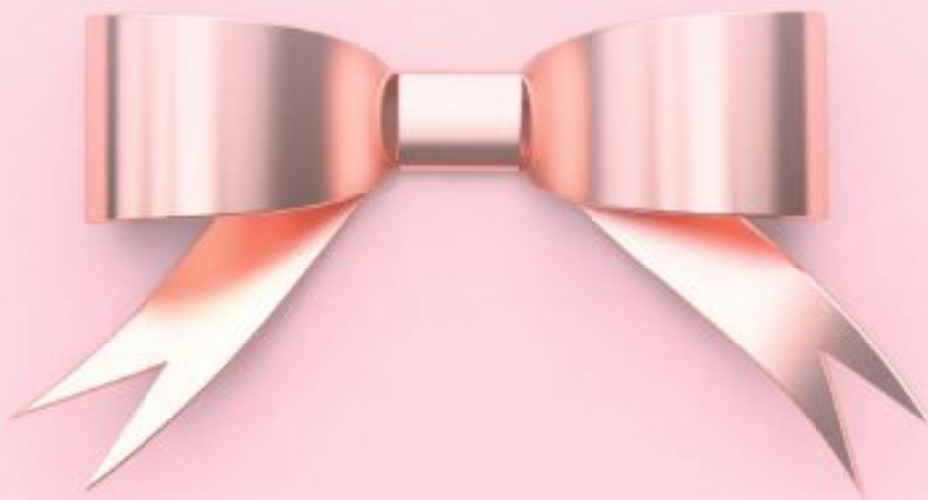
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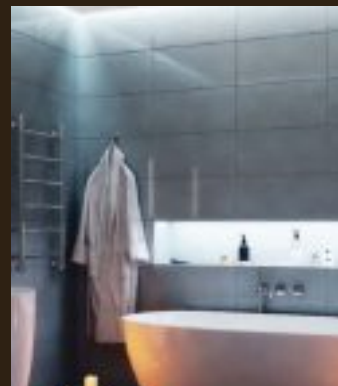
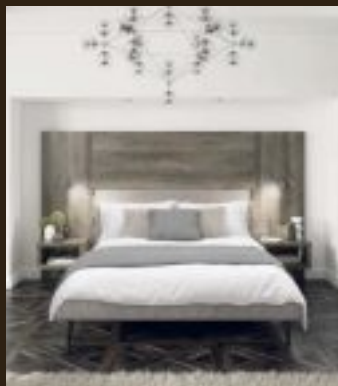
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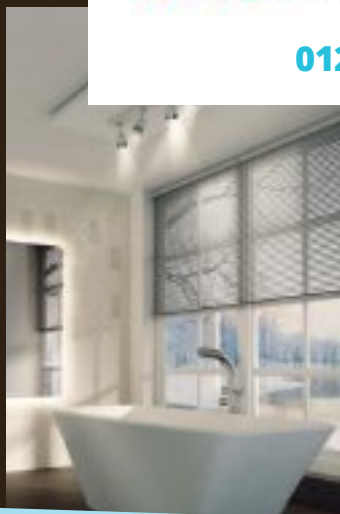
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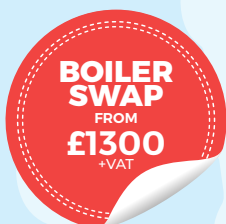
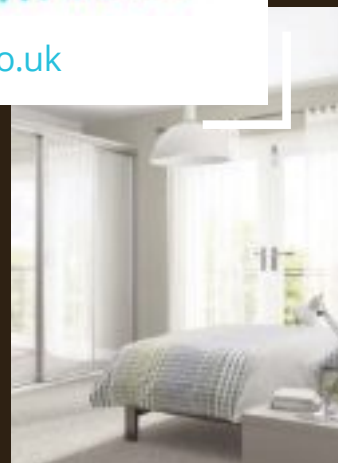


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By **CHARLOTTE PAGE**

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THE new multi-million pound Stansted Airport College will officially open its doors today (December 13).

The £11million technical college is the first of its kind at a major UK airport and is a joint venture between Harlow College and London Stansted.

MP Richard Harrington, minister for business and industry, will officially open the college, alongside chair of the education select committee and Harlow MP Robert Halfon.

The new site aims to fill a growing skills gap in the aviation industry and other STEM subject areas through its courses including aircraft engineering, business studies, logistics, hospitality, customer service and more.

Around 500 students are expected to be taught there per year.

Following a groundbreaking ceremony in November 2017, government minister for climate change and industry, Claire Perry MP, hailed the new technical college as "truly innovative".

She also described Harlow College as "one of the most innovative further education colleges in the country".

"The new college here at Stansted is a prime example of our industrial strategy in action," she explained.

"Public and private sector working together to improve the skills of young people and delivering a pipeline of talent that will boost the local economy."

London Stansted say the development of the college is critical to supporting the airport's ambitious future growth plans, bringing skilled on-site workers and training opportunities for young people in the regional community surrounding the airport.

The college received a visit from the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on General Aviation, MP Grant Shapps when the first cohort of students were welcomed in September.

He viewed the brand-new college, as well as the progress of the airport's £600million transformation programme.

MP for Welwyn Hatfield Mr Shapps said: "With our parliamentary group about to launch a working group looking at aviation jobs and skills, our visit to London Stansted came at an incredibly opportune moment."

"The development of Stansted's own Airport College means that Britain now has a pioneering new way to train for the many STEM related professions that aviation provides."

The two-storey college is located on an acre of the airport's land near to the long-stay car park and was made possible in part by two separate £3.5 million grants from Essex County Council and the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) Local Growth Fund, as well as a £300,000 grant from Uttlesford District Council.

For more information visit <https://www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk/>

Harlow Council Christmas & New Year

Information on waste and recycling collections and contacting the Council

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Most types of glitter-free wrapping paper, Christmas cards and packaging can be recycled. Check our guide on this page before putting items into your bin or box.

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Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collections

Normal Collection		Revised Collection	
Date	Day	Date	Day
24/12/2018	Mon	No Change	
25/12/2018	Tue	27/12/2018	Thu
26/12/2018	Wed	28/12/2018	Fri
27/12/2018	Thu	29/12/2018	Sat
28/12/2018	Fri	31/12/2018	Mon

Normal Collection		Revised Collection	
Date	Day	Date	Day
31/12/2018	Mon	02/01/2019	Wed
01/01/2019	Tue	03/01/2019	Thu
02/01/2019	Wed	04/01/2019	Fri
03/01/2019	Thu	05/01/2019	Sat
04/01/2019	Fri	07/01/2019	Mon

Normal Collection		Revised Collection	
Date	Day	Date	Day
07/01/2019	Mon	08/01/2019	Tue
08/01/2019	Tue	09/01/2019	Wed
09/01/2019	Wed	10/01/2019	Thu
10/01/2019	Thu	11/01/2019	Fri
11/01/2019	Fri	12/01/2019	Sat

You can also check your revised collection days at www.harlow.gov.uk/bins

Normal collections return
Monday 14 January 2019



YOUR VIEWS

LETTERS

We owe it to our war heroes to make country a fit place to live in

THE volunteers (Star November 15) who researched into WW1, drawing our attention to the horrors of war and the sacrifice particularly of those who died, are to be commended.

Yet the war may have ended 100 years ago but the sacrifice continued. Soldiers continued to serve, for the demobilisation took time.

Many later suffered and died from wounds received and from influenza and other diseases. They were to be affected by their experience of war for the remainder of their lives with disabilities and mental illness. Many of them left widows and orphans.

Almost everyone lost someone dear to them.

Families had to cope with the stress of looking after their "heroes" without much support. Instead of being welcomed home many were faced with unemployment and even worse housing and social conditions than those they had left. Their children were to face yet another war.

On November 22, 1918 the Prime Minister stated: "The war is not over yet. What is our task? To make Britain a Fit Country for Heroes to Live In".

A hundred years later we are still waiting for it.

Instead we have a divided society with wealth, income, housing, employment, power and opportunity concentrated in the hands of the few.

What we owe to our "heroes" is a complete re-examination and fundamental change of our values and the basic assumptions we have adopted over the past century, and

which have remained largely unchallenged.

Revd Dennis LI Nadin M.Ed
Harlow

Calling time on antisocial behaviour

HAVING lived in Old Harlow for nearly 30 years, over the past few years increasingly we have become more aware of antisocial behaviour from the customers of the three pubs in Market Street and particularly from the Chequers.

Discussions/meetings have been held with councillors/licensing committee/environmental department/licensees and police.

Also, many, many emails have been sent BUT nothing has been implemented or done.

In fact, two of the residents were told to "stop moaning and complaining and to stop sending emails" to the relevant authority at the council.

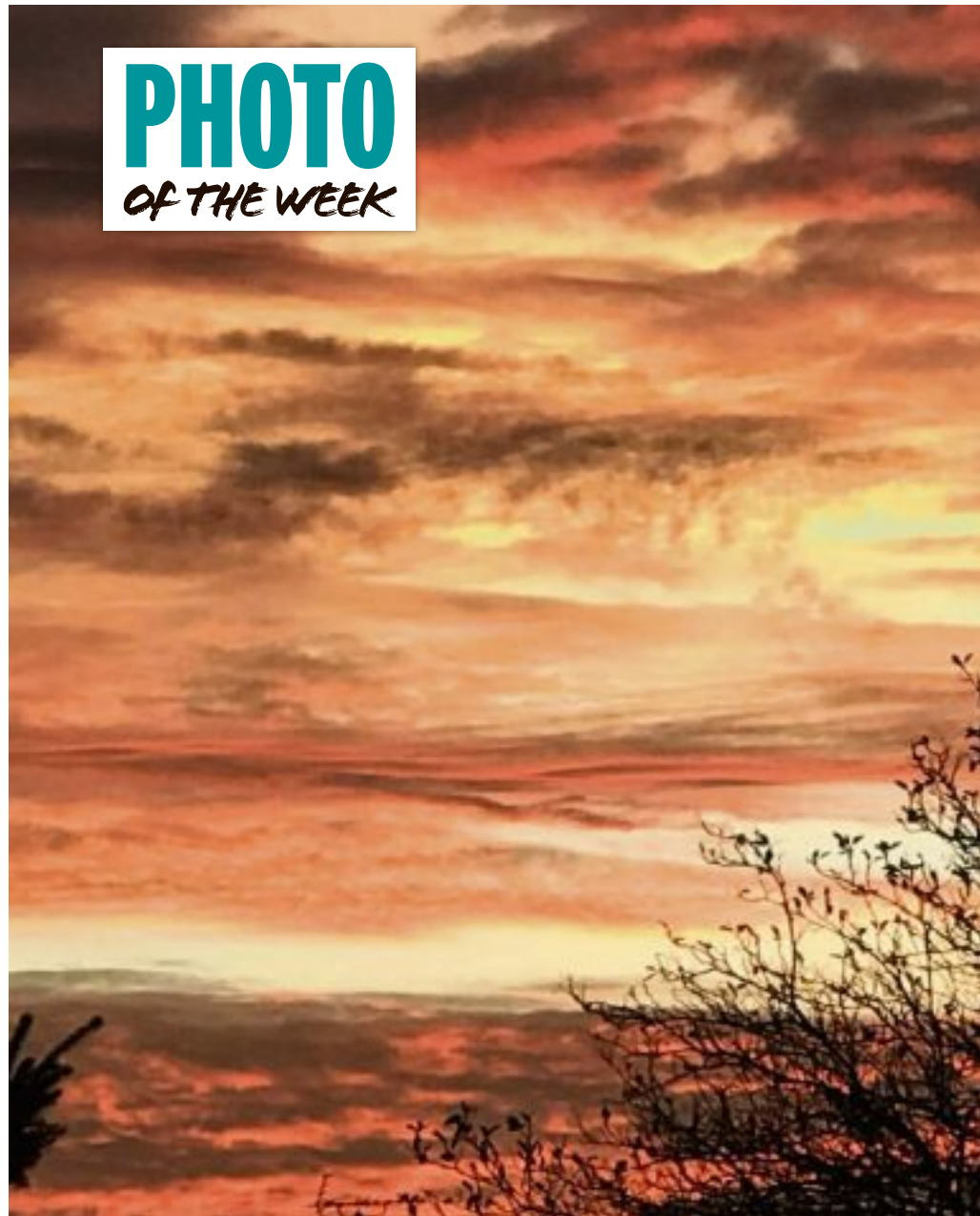
What has happened is this:

- Residents in Market Street have had people urinating up the front of their houses and when asked to move away have endured physical and verbal abuse, only to have the perpetrators return and smash their front door in;
- Disturbances so frightening in the small hours with fights and foul language and causing such concern that young babies have had to be moved into different bedrooms;
- Men urinating in the car park and against cars;
- Music so loud from the Chequers you can hear it over the TV and double glazing;
- Knifing;
- Friday and Saturday in the early

What we owe to our heroes is a complete re-examination and fundamental change of our values.

Revd Dennis LI Nadin M.Ed

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



hours, police in squad cars breaking up a fight;

■ And Friday night a fight outside the Chequers with many men where four people were hospitalised, plus a knifing and one held for drugs.

Surely, those in authority can't let this go on. Maybe its time to invest in CCTV in Market Street after all this ongoing anti-social behaviour.

Residents have had enough and have become fearful, so much so that in the evening residents don't go out unless they need to.

Does someone have to be murdered before something is done?

A Resident
Name supplied

Redecoration works to the communal areas

YET again as a leaseholder in

Parsonage Leys I have received a bill from Harlow Council this time for redecoration works claimed to have been undertaken to the communal areas of a block of flats.

Some of the work cannot have been done as the items listed as being redecored do not exist at the block.

Other charges are highly inflated such as painting one loft hatch at a cost of £390.

There are a number of blocks in the contract so probably excessive recharges to other leaseholders and even larger over payments to the contractor.

But it is not just leaseholders who have to pay, so do tenants as the rents will have to be increased to meet these excess payments.

More worrying is that the council has confirmed to me that all the work has been inspected and confirmed as being completed to the specification.

So also inadequate supervision.


When is the council firstly going to stop accepting inflated charges from contractors for work and secondly then paying for work not actually done?

Bob Kurz
Via email

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Bengul Redangel captured this sky from his bedroom window in Harlow

Robert Halfon

MP FOR HARLOW

AS you may well have heard, Essex County Council announced recently that it is reviewing local library services across the county, including a proposal to close the libraries in Mark Hall and Tye Green in Harlow.

My concern is that the council is simply looking at the numbers of people through the door and book loans.

From this, the council argues that libraries are underused.

But after visiting primary schools in the affected areas and hearing from Harlow residents, including librarians and staff, it is clear that there is a much bigger picture.

One pupil at Cooks Spinney Primary School described the library in Mark Hall as "like a second home".

For children, the libraries are not only an important educational resource, but a chance to use their imagination.

For new parents, they offer the chance to network with other mums and dads and escape the chaos of daily life.

For older people, it is a quiet space to read or socialise.

I fully acknowledge the council's need to save costs, but closing our local libraries will force people to travel into the town centre, where parking is difficult and expensive.

A visit to the town centre may not be so practical on the way home from school, for example.

I can only see that the result will be fewer people able to use library services - exactly what the council are trying to address.

I am working closely with schools and community groups to save our libraries in Harlow.

Please write to me about how the libraries in Mark Hall and Tye Green are important to you - I would be happy to send them off with my endorsement to Essex County Council.

You can also have your say in the council's ongoing consultation survey at: libraries.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation.

I'm also working hard to tackle anti-social behaviour and, whilst we've made great bounds in the town centre with the help of Essex Police, I am saddened that it is now a problem in Old Harlow.

The community in Old Harlow is wonderful, but I am concerned by the rise of anti-social behaviour in Market Street, which is causing a real disturbance for local residents.

There have been a number of incidents of physical and verbal abuse, fights breaking out and drug-related crime.

I fully acknowledge the resourcing constraints on Essex Police but this cannot go on.

I have had discussions with Essex Police to express the need for immediate action.

As a result, I was very pleased that a dispersal order was granted over the weekend, allowing police officers to move groups along before tensions could escalate.

As ever, you can keep up to date with all my news on Facebook (Robert H Halfon), Twitter (@halfon4harlowMP) and Instagram (@halfon4harlowmp).

WEBCHAT

■ **A dinosaur-themed Christmas wonderland has opened near Essex**

Ami Leland your boys would love this xx

Donna Harriss

Sarah Jimmy would love this x

Andy Hutton

Claire Jane Darcie would love this.

Kayleigh Miles

Georgie Smyth I know a certain little man who might like this?

Sophie Rose Mansworth

Lauren Springham Isn't this the sort of thing your dreams are made of?

Kirstie Heys

Claire Holtby lets take the girls. Ellie-Lou would love xx

Katie Holtby

Mark Miller Fin would love this.

Julie Bennett

■ **Fights and people urinating in the street: Life on Harlow's 'rowdiest road'**

Old Harlow again.

Mollie Clements

Kate Sadders might wanna rethink Saturday.

Joe Burling

■ **Live Broomfield Hospital norovirus outbreak: All wards closed until further notice**

They won't stop me!! TRUST ME !!

Colin Morton

This is before winter starts!

Pamela Weavers

■ **Live M25 traffic: Road completely closed after eight-vehicle crash**

And the ambulance can't get through as drivers are blocking the red X lane and not keeping it clear.

Kevin Elsley

■ **Woman in Harlow heard 'screaming hysterically' before police closed road**

It's just getting so bad in Harlow sometimes I feel ashamed to tell people where I live, was born in Stackfield, 66 years, we were safe not now.

Edna Symes

I was born and raised in Harlow and

proud to be from there, but I left the UK 16 years ago.

I have been fortunate enough to have settled in Norway and people ask if I would ever move back the UK.

My answer is always and unfortunately, no. Every day I read events such as this all over the country and it saddens me that the whole country appears to be in a state of laziness and lawlessness. I really hope that at some point it will all change and I can return, but sadly I cannot see that happening for some time.

Ciaran Carlin

Here's what you've been talking about on Facebook this week

TALKING POINT

Should we favour one area of education over another?

THE BIG QUESTION

Which educational areas should receive most support?



LABOUR: Jean Clark

WHO would have expected over 2,000 head teachers to march on Downing Street? Yet two months ago, they came from all over the country, including Harlow, to protest against the damaging effects of shrinking budgets on schools and colleges. They warned of the impact of cuts: increasing redundancies of teachers, assistants and support staff; larger class sizes; ever-narrowing curricula.

The Institute of Fiscal Studies found that pupil funding fell in real terms by 8% since 2010. This should be restored urgently.

SEND children (with special educational needs and disabilities) are particularly vulnerable. They can be taken off roll altogether but also to improve exam results. Children and parents may lose home-to-school transport and vital one-to-one support.

Tens of thousands signed a petition to the Education Secretary calling for increased SEND funding in October. The situation was so serious, the Shadow Education Secretary argued it violated international rights of disabled pupils. Increasing pressures on mental health and wellbeing add to the urgency of addressing special educational needs.

Labour is committed to a National Education Service to



provide education from the cradle to the grave- lifelong learning.

Sure Start would receive massive investment and all two to four-year-olds a free, high quality education. Teaching assistants and support staff would be fully supported. Tuition fees scrapped for students. Major investment in new buildings and upgrading schools is pledged.

Personally, and I speak with experience as a former teacher, I would convert grammar schools to genuine comprehensive schools and return academies and free schools to local democratic accountability. Post-16 education would be developed, encouraging parity of esteem.

A broad-based curriculum would offer all learners the opportunity to develop skills and abilities, academically, culturally and physically.

And that's just a start.

UKIP: Jesse Pryke

POLITICAL interference has not been beneficial for our schools. Let the teachers teach.

Our education system needs to be flexible; with a curriculum that focuses on the basics and gives schools room to specialise.

UKIP believes schools should be responsive to the individual child's needs and ambitions, so that every child can realise their full potential.

School should be challenging but achievable for all children. A class of students with a talent for a particular subject can share enthusiasm with their teacher to raise the standard of learning in the class. At the same time a class of students that are struggling can focus on getting everyone up to the required level.

Those with special educational needs must be able to access the support they need. UKIP wants a variety of schools, including grammar schools, technical, vocational, general and specialist secondary schools to make our education system more responsive to the differing aptitudes, capabilities and speed of



development of our children. This is how we give the best education to our kids and create the most talented workforce for society.

Further and higher education is where funding should be directed to bridge skills gaps and target professions that will raise the standard of living in the country.

UKIP will support real trade apprenticeships. We don't think 50 per cent of our youngsters should be saddling themselves with debt and a useless degree at university.

Instead we will waive tuition fees for science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine, dependent on graduates working in the UK for five years.

LIB DEM: Marie Goldman



EDUCATION is the silver bullet. It has the potential to fix almost everything else. A well-educated population can tackle poverty and inequality, cure diseases, feed itself, protect the planet, and invent new technologies to improve everyone's lives.

Education allows us to reach for the stars.

Why, then, would we want to choose which area of education should receive the most support? If education is so important, shouldn't we be putting more resources into it, rather than picking which bit to pay more attention to, while leaving other areas behind?

Sadly, this is the genuine choice faced by schools up and down the country. With pupil numbers, staff and resource costs going up while real-terms school funding is being cut, schools have to work out where best to direct the limited resources they have.

So they have to decide. Should they ensure that all classes have fully qualified teachers in all settings and scrap so-called 'luxuries' like music, art and drama, or should they compromise and reduce the standards because it's cheaper? Should they provide computers to teach children the skills they will need in a competitive market, or should they fix the leaking roof? Should they buy new books, or should they provide quality meals at lunchtime - remembering that for far too many children, a school dinner is the only nutritious meal they will eat.

This is happening. Schools are asking parents for donations, letting go of teachers and even shortening the school day.

This is no choice at all. No school, no teacher, no education professional, should ever be forced to make these choices.

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YOUR CHARITY NEWS

Parents support neonatal intensive care unit with donation from event

400 BABIES TREATED IN A YEAR BY DEDICATED TEAM OF 65 DOCTORS AND NURSES

PARENTS came together on social media recently to share stories of premature births on World Prematurity Day, and there were many stories from grateful mums and dads for the care they had received at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow.

The hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) cares for babies who are premature or who need extra attention after birth.

It has a dedicated team of 65 doctors and nurses for round-the-clock monitoring and care.

It treated over 400 babies in the past year and parents have been eager to show their appreciation.

One family wrote on Twitter: "We will be eternally grateful to the amazing charities, and above all the Princess Alexandra Harlow NICU....not once, not twice, but three times....not all SUPERHEROES wear capes."

Another family whose babies received vital care were determined to raise funds for the unit - and recently presented a cheque for a tremendous £1,350 to the unit's staff.

Joel and wife Bernadette McRandall had six week premature twins born in March 2014 who both spent 21 days in NICU.

Bernadette said: "It was a very dif-

ficult time but we were so grateful for the care and support we received from all the staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust (PAHT), and NICU most importantly, so as a thank you we wanted to donate all the money we raised at a special 'box night' to NICU.

In September this year, CrossFit Raeda co-owner Joel held a CrossFit

charity throw-down called Battle of the Boxes. Each box had two teams comprising two male athletes and two female athletes. Teams had to complete three gruelling team workouts of the day (WODs) to determine who was the fittest.

Bernadette added: "It was great to bring everyone together for such a great cause. We will be putting this event on annually hoping to raise

even more money.

The twins, who are now healthy, lively four-year-olds, were more than happy to be on hand to present the cheque for the money raised to staff at the NICU unit.

Neonatal Unit manager Janelle Gardner said: "We really appreciate the great feedback from parents which makes me very proud of the dedicated care our staff provide here

at PAHT NICU.

"I am also hugely grateful for the funds raised for our unit.

"We're overwhelmed by the efforts made by Bernadette and Joel, and it was especially wonderful to see that the twins we cared for here have done so well, and were on hand to present the wonderful donation.

"Thank you to everyone."



Neonatal Unit manager Janelle Gardner, left, with Joel and Bernadette McRandall, twins Knox and Teddi and baby Jagger, and Husnara Begum, right

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Recycle your tree for hospice in an eco-friendly way

YOU can recycle your Christmas tree with St Clare Hospice after the festive period is over.

New for 2019, West Essex and East Herts charity St Clare Hospice is launching a recycling programme for local people to dispose of their Christmas trees in an eco-friendly way.

St Clare Hospice's Recycle Your Christmas Tree scheme is set to take place over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, January 5-6, when hospice charity volunteers will collect real spruce, fir and pine trees registered for the recycling programme from homes.

Residents of the postal area codes CM22, CM23, CM24, and CM6, are eligible for the scheme this January. St Clare Hospice is looking to roll the programme out to further surrounding areas in the hospice's catchment area for future years.

A suggested donation of £10 to St Clare Hospice is recommended to those who wish to have their Christmas tree collected from home.

If you would like to take part in this environmentally-conscious recycling scheme, you can register your tree in one of two ways:

Register your tree online at charityxmastreecollection.com by entering the postcode your tree will be collected from, or;

Get in touch with St Clare's community fundraiser Rachel Lines on 01279 773734 or email rachel.lines@stclarehospice.org.uk

Registered trees will be chopped down into wood chippings and recycled after they have been collected.

For more information and FAQs on St Clare's Recycle Your Christmas Tree programme, visit stclarehospice.org.uk/event/recycle-christmas-tree



Recycle your Christmas tree

YOUR EDUCATION NEWS

Teacher's joy as Prime Minister welcomes her into Parliament

MOVES TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN INTO POLITICS

DEBBIE Pritchard was chosen to shadow Robert Halfon MP around the corridors of power today as part of a massive event aimed at encouraging more women to stand for election.

In Prime Minister's Questions, Robert Halfon, MP for Harlow, asked Theresa May to welcome Harlow resident and specialist teacher, Debbie Pritchard, as she joined Robert in Parliament.

The initiative, saw more than 250 inspiring women from all parts of the country descend on Westminster to highlight the need for more women in politics.

Today only one in three politicians are women. On November 21, 1918, just days after the Armistice, the Qualification of Women Act was passed to allow women to stand for Parliament for the first time.

Today's shadowing event is a celebration of this Act and a call for more women to come forward.

The day was organised by campaigners Frances Scott, 50:50 Parliament, Helen Pankhurst and the Centenary Action Group, the Fawcett Society and the Jo Cox Foundation.

Mr Halfon said: "At all levels in politics from the grass roots to Westminster we have two men for every one woman."

"I hope today inspires talented and impressive women like Debbie to get involved and stand for election to give us all broader and more representative decision making."

"I am particularly keen to see women from all walks of life getting involved, including those from working class or underrepresented backgrounds."

MsPritchard added: "It was fasci-



Ask Her To Stand Day - Robert Halfon and Debbie Pritchard

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nating to see into a day in the life of an MP and I really enjoyed hearing the stories of females MPs about what encouraged them to first get into politics and stand for Parliament.

"I was shocked and honored

when the Prime Minister welcomed me herself during Prime Minister's Questions.

"Though there are many challenges that women have faced to get into public life, it's important for us to celebrate how these can be over-

come. It was a very inspiring day and I thank Robert Halfon for giving me this incredible opportunity."

Frances Scott, Director of 50:50 Parliament who organised the day was delighted with the turnout.

She said: "On the centenary of

when women were first ever able to stand it is wonderful that so many MPs participated in our #AskHerToStand day by inviting a woman to Parliament.

"It is a clear demonstration that Westminster does welcome women."

Movember stick on moustaches and the real thing

THE Movember Foundation has been on a mission to stop men dying too young by encouraging them to talk more about prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide.

At Burnt Mill Academy, in Harlow, teachers Luke Burrows, Alaric Cook, Philip Latchford and

Khan Busby were taking part by growing moustaches throughout the month of November.

Year 9 student Toms Xavi was so keen to join in with the campaign, he was wearing a different stick-on moustache each day to raise awareness and money for the cause.

Mr Burrows, head of computer science and ICT, said: "Statistics say that prostate cancer kills more people than breast cancer, but it receives half the funding. We wanted to do something that put the focus onto the boys."

"Working in a school, it felt even more appropriate to focus

some attention onto mental health and suicide prevention as that's so relevant for young people today. We talked about Movember in school and it acts as a way of bringing up conversations and discussions around those important topics which can only be a good thing."



Teachers - and a student - battled it out to produce the best facial hair for Movember

Tony, Scott, Joshua and Cameron with their Quadcopter



Quadcopter finals high-fliers were a credit to their school

PASSMORES Academy recently competed in the regional final of Raytheon's 2018 Quadcopter Challenge.

Under the expert guidance of STEM ambassadors, four Year 9 students (Tony, Scott, Joshua and Cameron) had spent September and October building and

practicing to fly their quadcopters in preparation for the competition.

Team Passmores competed against a variety of schools across Essex to determine who would progress to the national final in Manchester this month.

When the judge's marks from the presentation and obstacle

course were combined, Passmores secured a top ten finish.

A representative from the school commented: "All students involved were a credit to themselves and the school and represented Passmores with confidence, respect and maturity."

Heroes and Villains help raise £944 for Children in Need



The students sported some wonderful costumes

TO support Children in Need 2018 the charity team at Stewards Academy decided on a theme of Heroes and Villains.

All staff and pupils participated in a non-uniform day with many dressing up in their favourite hero or villain costume.

A competition was held at lunchtime for the best dressed with prizes including positive points as part of the academy's rewards system.

All of the entrants should be congratulated for getting in to the spirit of the day and having great fun dressing up.

The winners of the competition were decided by Helen Ginger, head teacher, and Dani Ramsey, assistant head teacher.

The charity reps led by heads of charity team Amelia, Rosie and Jamie produced some excellent cakes and delicious treats for the

bake sale.

Jamie also produced some beautiful wooden spinning tops that were snapped up by staff and pupils alike.

The Hall was buzzing at lunchtime with the bake sale and costume competition.

Di Johnson, Assistant Head-teacher, said: "I am so proud of the head of charity team and their reps for coordinating such a brilliant day.

"They firstly decided on how they wanted the Academy to support Children in Need and then came up with the theme for the day, produced posters, spoke to the year groups and spent time baking a brilliant array of treats to sell.

"Their efforts have been fantastic and as a result the academy has raised £944.50 for a very worthy charity.

"Well done to the Stewards Family for getting involved."

Creative Albie wins scarecrow contest



Albie Perkes won the Pets Corner scarecrow competition

ST Nicholas School Year 1 pupil, Albie Perkes, won the Harlow Pets Corner scarecrow competition.

This is a great achievement and his brilliant scarecrow fought off some tough competition from hundreds of other children.

His prize is to choose a pet from Pets Corner to sponsor for a year.

After careful consideration, he picked the reindeer.

Everyone at the school is incredibly proud of him.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Ukelele greetings as hospital marks Older People's Day with a VIP visit

OLDER patients and residents were at the heart of celebrations at Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust recently when the Lord Lieutenant of Essex was a guest of honour to mark Older People's Day.

Staff at the Harlow hospital put on a day of activities specially for older people and used the occasion to demonstrate the different services available that aim to improve their quality of life, as well as highlighting the hospital's specialist services for the frail elderly.

The event was opened by HM Lord Lieutenant of Essex Jennifer Tolhurst, who praised the hospital's focus on the needs of an increasingly ageing population, including enabling activity and exercise.

She said: "There are so many things that older people can do.

"Interaction with other people and gentle exercise helps to give elderly people the confidence to join in and perhaps to continue to live independently. This is increasingly being understood and made possible."

A morning session aimed at healthcare professionals attracted more than 60 attendees, from acute, primary and social care including the voluntary sectors.

An afternoon session was centred on older patients and families and offered a range of activities, including the Harlow Ukulele Group and Rainbows Services, which saw older people joining in dancing, balloon tennis, and knitting over an afternoon tea.

Kelly Tarling from Rainbow Services, said: "We encouraged older people to join our community based



Activities included the Harlow Ukulele Group

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activity groups. This was a taster of the activities we run all over Harlow."

The red hats knitted by the older people were handed over to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and were received by the team led by unit manager Janelle Gardner.

A red hat immediately identifies a vulnerable baby that needs additional attention.

Janice Bernardo, Frailty Lead Practitioner commented: "It was overwhelming to have representatives from different sectors in one room, sharing integrated plans to

deliver what matters to our older people - to live well closer to home.

"We definitely can't do it alone. The Frailty Team would like to thank everyone who supported this event."

The event was also an opportunity to launch the Frailty Friends campaign. This aims to enable health-

care workers to speedily identify those in the frailty category and signpost to the various resources available to patient, families, carers, staff and the public.

If you are interested in becoming a Frailty Friend email Frailty@pah.nhs.uk

Harlow

■ **JAZZ GIG:** Music at the Marigolds on Friday, December 14 at 7.30pm with Eric Ranzoni. Harlow Cricket Club, Chippingfield, Old Harlow CM17 0DJ. Tickets: £10 on the door.

■ **WALKING FOOTBALL:** 50-plus fitness group. A great way to keep fit and newcomers are welcome to come along and give it a try. £3 per session 3G pitch.

Hosted by Paringdon Sports Club. Session times Mondays 4-5pm; Thursdays 10am - 12pm; Sundays 2-3pm.

Please call Dave on 07980 578201 for more details.

■ **CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION:** Present Arts exhibition until December 23. Tuesday - Friday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 2 - 4pm.

Maintaining The Gallery's high

YOUR NEWS

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standard, the emphasis in the Christmas exhibition is on works of art which are affordable.

Artists who have studios at the Mill are represented along with regular exhibitors, showing artworks in glass, decorative and functional ceramics, textiles, original prints, silver jewellery, paintings and sculpture.

New this year are intriguing etchings, small colourful paintings, and highly usable glassware.

Several artists new to The Gallery will also be included in the exhibition which is a feast for the eye and is a great opportunity to acquire that unique and special present, something new for the

home, individual cards, or even handmade decorations for the Christmas tree.

■ **SIX-A-SIDE LEAGUE:** The leagues take place on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Passmores Academy in Harlow. All games are FA refereed, footballs provided & league tables, fixtures, results all updated on our website. For more info call Football Mundial on 01937 841 440 or teams can enter online at www.footballmundial.com

Roydon

■ **FITNESS CLASS:** 50 plus fitness group, Move It or Lose It, takes place on Tuesdays from 1.30 to 2.30pm at Roydon Village Hall.

All abilities, men and women welcome. £5 per session. Please call 07974 721527 for

further information.

In the Village Hall, High Street Orwell from 10am to 4pm.

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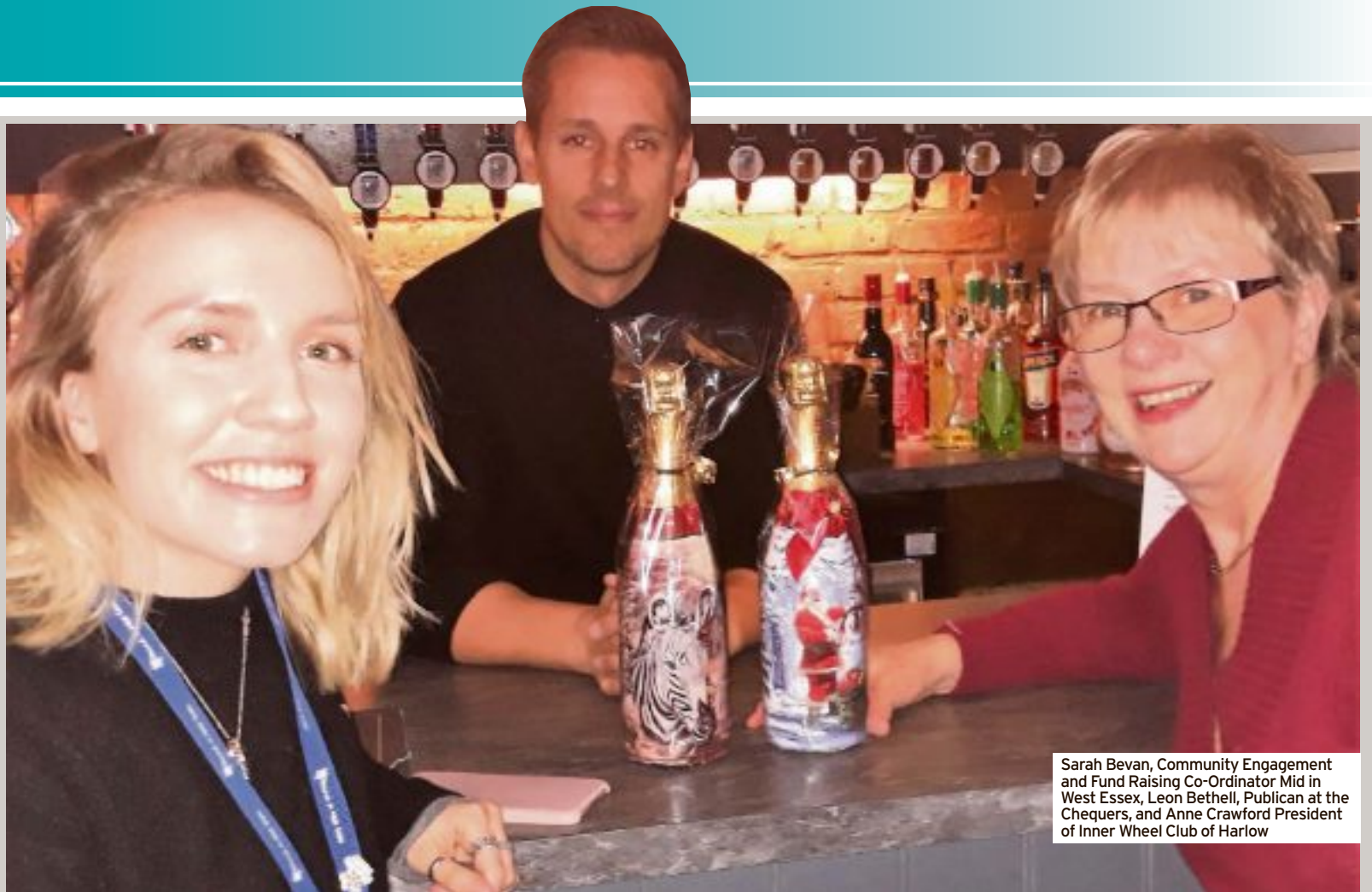
■ **LACE MAKING:** The Rushden Lace Club meets on the first Monday of the month in the village hall, and all types of lace are made under the expert tuition of Bridget Cook.

Beginners are welcome to join the group, where tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied - although you will need to take your own lunch.

For more information, call Eva on 01763 288357.

Sandon

■ **GREEN FINGERS:** Sandon Gardeners' Club meets every second Monday of the month at Sandon Village Hall at 7.30pm.



Sarah Bevan, Community Engagement and Fund Raising Co-Ordinator Mid in West Essex, Leon Bethell, Publican at the Chequers, and Anne Crawford President of Inner Wheel Club of Harlow

Get into the Christmas spirit with champagne raffle

LEON Bethell, publican of the Chequers Pub in Old Harlow, is an unsung hero. He supports charities and offers community spirit in more ways than one all through the year.

For the festive season he has joined forces with Anne Crawford, president of the Inner Wheel Club of Harlow to raise money for the chosen charity for her year in office - Mind in West Essex which has two

main offices, one in Bush Fair Harlow and the other in Great Dunmow. This charity covers a significant area, from Epping Forest to Saffron Walden.

Our local Mind is part of a national network which provides access to advice and support to all those who need it. This organisation works to ensure that nobody has to face a mental health problem alone and

over 513,539 people have used local Mind services nationally in the past year and the need is growing.

Mind in West Essex is an independent charity run by local people, for local people and is responsible for its own funding. It provides a range of services including Working with Families, Men's Mental Health, Complementary Therapy,

Befriending, private counselling and many more.

During the month of December raffle tickets will be available to buy at the bar for two uniquely hand painted and decorated bottles of Champagne. One will be drawn on Christmas Eve and the second drawn on New Year's Eve.

To help in a small and meaningful way, you can enjoy a drink in the

cosy surroundings of this traditional, friendly pub and purchase a raffle ticket.

For more information, contact Mind in West Essex: Corner House, Bush Fair, Harlow, Essex, CM18 6NZ. Phone: 01279 421 308. Or Chequers public house, 2 Market Street, Old Harlow, Essex, CM17 0AH. Phone: 01279 427302.

If you have an interest in gardening, go along and join.

New members are always welcome. Contact chairman John Handley at: johnhandley5@btinternet.com for more.

Sawbridgeworth

■ **MORRIS MEET:** Fiddlers' Brook Morris meet every Tuesday at 8pm at Allens Green Village Hall near Sawbridgeworth. Newcomers are welcome to go along and give it a try for fun, exercise and friendship and to help keep a tradition going. Musicians also welcome.

Call 01279 723707 or email neilandgillmunro@aol.com or see our Facebook page.

■ **DEMENTIA SUPPORT:** Hertswise offers fun, stimulating activities delivered in a relaxed and friendly

environment, for people living with Dementia, memory loss or mild cognitive impairment as well as their carers.

At The Hailey Centre, 18 Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9AS, every Wednesday 9.30 to 11.30am. £5, no charge for carers or NOK. Public car park next door.

To book your place or for more information please call 0300 123 40 44. You can also simply turn up on the day.

Standon

■ **CREATIVE LITTLE ONES:** Art, craft and messy play classes are held for under fives.

The sessions are held on Wednesdays between 1pm and 1.45pm at Standon Village Hall.

Go along and have some creative

fun with your little one.

Email Becky to book a free trial at: artexplorers1@gmail.com or visit: www.artexplorers.co.uk for more information.

■ **TEEN DANCE:** DDMIX (Diverse Dance Mix) dance fitness classes are held every Wednesday at Standon Village Hall for teenagers between 5.45 and 6.30pm, term time.

No dance experience is required, just lots of enthusiasm and a pair of trainers.

It costs £5, which can be paid on the door each week.

Call Julie on 07971 699615 or visit: dancejamacademy.co.uk for more details.

■ **FIT FOR ALL:** Pure Stretch releases muscular tension, develops core strength, and reduces mental and physical fatigue.

It is suitable for everyone, easy to follow, sociable and light-hearted.

Call Denise, your local fitness instructor, for times and classes on 01920 823072 or 07703 277862.

■ **MUSICIANS AND MOVERS:** Put a jingle in your step and become a morris dancer.

Have a bash at Cotswold dance traditions with Standon Morris at practice sessions on Thursday evenings.

The mixed side welcomes anyone from 10 years old upwards.

No experience necessary, and it is free.

The group gathers from about 8pm onwards in The Star before heading down to Standon Village Hall at 8.30pm. Musicians are also needed to play.

To find out more, call Catherine on 07808 969379 or email standon.morris@gmail.com

Widford

■ **PILATES CLASSES:** Mondays 6.45 to 7.45pm and 8 to 9pm. Friendly and welcoming classes.

Pilates helps you achieve a balance of mind and body plus focusing on stretching and strengthening the whole body to improve balance, muscle strength, flexibility and posture.

For more information or to book your first complimentary class (limited places) contact Anne at Active Health Pilates and More on 07717 333234 or email: activehealthpam@gmail.com or visit www.activehealthpilatesandmore.com



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Deaths

Alice Farraday (Betty) BRAGG

Died peacefully in hospital on 24th November, aged 98. Much loved by all the family.

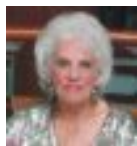
Funeral service at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Monday 17th December at 10.45 am followed by Service of Thanksgiving at 12 noon at Potter Street Baptist Church.

Family flowers only please. Any colour clothing acceptable. Donations to British Heart Foundation and Tearfund via collections at the services or to Abbott & English Funeral Directors, 15 Highbridge St, Waltham Abbey, EN9 1BZ, Tel 01992 713000

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Joyce Pamela BUSSEY



Passed away peacefully on Thursday 29th November aged 88 years.

She will sadly missed by family & friends.

Funeral service will be held at

St James Church, Thorley

on Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 11.00 am followed by a burial in the churchyard.

Flowers or donations for 'BLISS' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street,

Bishop's Stortford Herts

CM23 3AL

Tel 01279 655477

Michael Howard DANCE

Passed away on 2nd December 2018, aged 74 years.

Brother to Patricia who will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral service to be held

at St Mary's Church, Albury

on Thursday 20th December at 10.00am.

Flowers may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79 / 81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM23 3AL. Tel 01279 655477

Change of Policy on Bereavement Notices.

From Monday 17th December we are changing our policy on bereavement notices and when they appear in the newspaper.

Due to the way society today communicates and shares information through social media, almost instantaneously, we need to act and reflect on this change of culture by releasing our notices as soon as possible.

Traditionally we have held them back until the main notice has appeared, this will no longer be the case. Therefore all notices will appear in the newspaper at the customers request.

Also an online notice can appear the next day on the website rather than waiting for the newspaper publication date.

Deaths

**To make a donation
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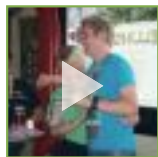
79/81 South Street
Bishop's Stortford
(01279) 655477

Bullfields
Sawbridgeworth
(01279) 722476

Mary FARRELL

Former resident of The Hornbeams and employee at Gilbey's Harlow. Sadly after a short illness, passed away 22nd November 2018, aged 81.

Funeral mass at 12:30pm, on Monday 17th December, at The Church of Assumption, Mulberry Green, Old Harlow. Followed by committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium.



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Marie Cecilia FLOOD

Passed away peacefully at home on the 4th December 2018 aged 97, surrounded by her family. She was well loved, very loving, and will be deeply missed. Marie's funeral service will be held at the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Sawbridgeworth on Monday 17th December 2018 at 1.30pm.

Family flowers only please but donations for CAFOD may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB Telephone 01279-722476

Alternatively, please visit Marie's In Memory page at www.drobinson.co.uk

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Deaths

Raymond Michael FOX (Merlin)

Peacefully at home on 28th November, dear Dad to Darren, Brother to Barry. Raymond's Funeral Service will take place

on Wednesday 19th December at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1:00 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for St. Mary and St. Hugh Church.

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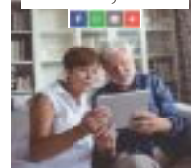
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So with memories and love
We see your smile from Heaven above.
All our love from John, Tony,
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In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender fond and true.
There is not a day dear Mum and Dad,
That we do not think of you.

All our Love
Kev and Angie
xxx

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Died 10th Dec 2012
Aged 35, 6 years on in
our hearts and in our
thoughts always
Love Dad & Jeff xx



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memory of a dear mum, Died
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Steven & family xxx

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Think about
you every day.
Miss you more
than ever.
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Maude

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attended the funeral
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KELLY**

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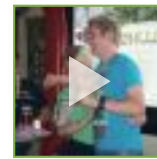
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Dick**

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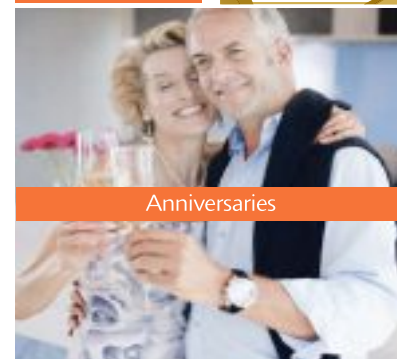
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LIVE MUSIC

The Australian Pink Floyd Show
BEN DONOGHUE



■ **The Australian Pink Floyd Show, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, Monday, November 18, 2019**

FROM selling five million tickets worldwide to being in the midst of their 30th anniversary celebrations, The Australian Pink Floyd Show have announced a brand new tour for 2019 - All That You Love, featuring classics from Dark Side Of The Moon, Wish You Were Here, Animals, The Wall and many more.

Since their first ever concert in Adelaide, Australia in 1988 the Australian Pink Floyd Show have performed in over 35 countries worldwide; played at David Gilmour's 50th birthday celebration and were even joined on stage by Rick Wright. TAPFS is the leading and biggest show of its kind in the world.

Performing the music of Pink Floyd with note for note perfection, this critically acclaimed tribute show has been astonishing audiences worldwide.

Striving to reproduce the Pink Floyd experience and bring the music to new audiences, the show continues to include a stunning light and laser show, video animations, state of the art high resolution LED screen technology and other special effects. To accompany these visuals are several large inflatables including a giant pig and their own distinct Pink Kangaroo.

They have also worked with musicians such as Guy Pratt, Durga McBroom and her sister Lorelei McBroom who have toured with Pink Floyd, as well as sound engineer Colin Norfield who worked with Pink Floyd during their Division Bell tour and on David Gilmour's solo tours.



Awake Arise visit Essex next week

■ **Awake Arise - A Christmas Show for our Times, Colchester Arts Centre, Monday, December 17**

A ONE-off collaboration featuring five of the English folk scene's most inventive artists celebrate the riches of our varied winter traditions and reflecting upon the hope and resilience in music and song that can bring joy to us all in the darkest season.

Award-winning trio Lady Maisery have for nearly a decade produced "some of the most exquisite, thrilling vocal harmony work in the English folk scene".

While the beguiling musical partnership of Jimmy Aldridge and Sid Goldsmith complete a powerful line-up, bringing the outstanding vocals, sensitive instrumentation and powerful social conscience that has won them widespread critical acclaim.

The Olly factor

OLLY MURS HAS JUST RELEASED HIS SIXTH ALBUM. HE TALKS TO **LUCY MAPSTONE** ABOUT HOW HE'S LASTED IN THE INDUSTRY FOR SO LONG AND WHY HE NEVER WANTS THE X FACTOR TO END

OLLY Murs has just been asked: how have you managed to last for so long when so many of your X Factor peers have vanished into thin air?

It's clearly not an easy one for Murs, who has not a single arrogant bone in his body. Having to pick apart the reasons for his success over others is somewhat tricky.

"I think it's just luck," he says, having mulled it over for a short while.

"Listen, I don't want to sit here and say it's because of this or because of that. I genuinely think it's just luck.

"I never thought I'd have the career that I've had. I never really focus on anyone but myself. I wasn't looking at Joe McElderry or Stacey Solomon or anyone else on The X Factor.

"I was just like, 'how can I make a dent in this industry? How can I have a number one record?' Also, it was having the right songs at the right time.

"Sometimes you have that moment in the market where the door opens, and I took that opportunity with both hands."

Take it with both hands he did, and now, nearly a decade after coming second behind the now lesser-seen McElderry in 2009's The X Factor, Murs is among the most enduring of all those who ever went through that process, along with the likes of One Direction and Little Mix.

Murs has so far scored four number one albums, plenty of chart-topping and top 10 singles, including debut hit Please Don't Let Me Go, Heart Skips A Beat and Wrapped Up - and six Brit Award nominations.

He has landed a number of other impressive jobs, including presenting X Factor's spin-off show The Xtra Factor before being bumped up to present the main show, and he is now a coach on The Voice alongside Sir Tom Jones, Jennifer Hudson and Will.i.am.

It's fair to say things have gone exceedingly well for that unassuming Essex lad who won the nation's hearts aged 25 with his cheeky attitude, quirky fedora and poppy dance moves.

Not only has he done well for somebody who rose to fame on a reality TV show, but he's done well for any artist.

"When you come from a reality TV show, you don't realise at first the stigma behind that, especially within the music industry," Murs, now 34, notes.

"You definitely face more battles. But I've come out the other side.

"When I came off X Factor, the lifespan I was given wasn't long. So I said, 'I'll prove them wrong,' and I did."

Murs did it by releasing feelgood hit after feelgood hit, entertaining his fans with fun,



Olly Murs at Global's Make Some Noise Appeal Day

pop-tastic tunes that he says "make people smile - they're what made me who I am".

He also did it by working remarkably hard, harder than most people perhaps realise.

"What people don't really see is what I put in behind the scenes as an artist," Murs explains.

"I think I'm probably looked upon as a bit of a party animal, someone always having a good time, always out with his mates.

"But I pick my time and my place to be that guy. People don't see the hardworking, professional person that I am.

"I'm always in bed early, up the next day, always doing something to try to give my fans the best possible music. Not many people see that side of me..."

He goes on: "They see the cheeky chappie on stage dancing, being a bit of a free spirit,

but I'm really just a hardworking lad from Essex who's still grafting every day to earn a living."

Does it bother him, at all, that the wider population may not even be aware of how involved he really is in his music, particularly given his starting point in the industry?

"Maybe because I don't sit behind a piano or play a guitar, or maybe because I've come from The X Factor, people presume you're a karaoke singer..." he starts.

"I mean, I still get asked now if I write my own songs. Of course I do! I write all my songs, from the first album to this one," he adds, referring to his latest release, sixth album You Know I Know, a combination of his greatest hits and new music.

"Dance With Me Tonight and Troublemaker are my two biggest records and I co-wrote them."

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I'm just a hardworking lad from Essex who's still grafting every day to earn a living

Olly Murs



Olly has just released his sixth album

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He stresses that it's "not something that bothers me, it's just what I think people assume".

"I do take my job seriously. I could go out every night and get drunk and not give a sh*t, but I genuinely give a sh*t about my job and I don't want to lose it."

For all his high moments, including working with Nile Rodgers on his new record ("it was such an honour", he gushes), Murs is also honest about one of his lowest.

Murs was savaged for his stint hosting The X Factor back in 2015 alongside Caroline Flack.

They were picked apart pretty much daily in the tabloids and by viewers on Twitter, and things only got worse when Murs mistakenly told a contestant she was eliminated before the result was officially announced, and the negativity hit him very hard around a year later.

"It wasn't necessarily the experience of

hosting it at the time, it didn't affect me until after. I'd kind of moved on, but then the doubts and the anxiety all came a year later," he admits.

Murs says it nearly affected him accepting The Voice, because "all of a sudden, the doubt came in and I started questioning myself".

He said that, after having an "amazing couple of sessions with a lovely lady", he was able to work through his issues and has come out the other side feeling more positive. He's back on track.

Now fully at ease on The Voice, he will appear in his second series next year.

But what does he think of the show that actually made him famous?

Sure, he's a fully paid-up member of The Voice club now, and The X Factor seems to be falling out of favour with viewers, the numbers dwindling by the episode.

It's impossible not to ask one of its biggest

success stories if he thinks it's time for The X Factor to bid farewell.

"I would hate The X Factor not to be on TV," he responds.

"It's hard for me to be critical of any show, because X Factor has such a big place in my heart. Deep down, if it wasn't on anymore, we'd all miss it."

"I love the show and, even though I'm on a rival show now, we're on at a different time of year and we'll never be in that X Factor slot."

"On The Voice, we're so happy, it's going really well and we just need to make sure we're getting the talent through."

He finishes: "I've seen what it's done to my life, and if it can help change someone else's, then that's amazing."

"That's what it's all about."

■ You Know I Know by Olly Murs is out now. Murs' UK tour kicks off on May 1, and runs until June 7.

LIVE MUSIC

IN The Park's summer schedule at Garon Park, Southend, is taking shape.

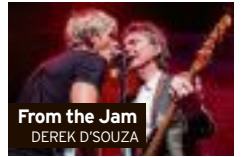
Kicking things off on Saturday, May 25, are Shalamar, with special guests to be announced.

It's back to the 80s on Saturday, July 20, with Tropicana Nights hosted by Pat Sharp and featuring Curiosity Killed the Cat, Musical Youth, Mathan Moore from Brother Beyond and Worlds apart, Owen Paul, Andrew Browning as George Michael, Special Kinda Madness and Danny Oliver as Michael Jackson.

70s in the Sun the following day sees Slade, Sweet and Hot Chocolate take to the stage, plus tributes including T Rextasy and Bootleg Blondie plus DJ John Watson.

From the Jam, Bad Manners, The Dualers, Death of Guitar Pop and Special Kinda Madness appear with host and DJ Ska n Mash on Saturday, August 3.

Tickets are available from skiddle.com



DOWN THE PUB



LIZZIE & The Banshees are back at the Cricketers, in Westcliff, on Saturday. The Siouxsie Sioux tribute band packed out the venue when they were last there in March and we can expect the same again this weekend. Highly recommended.

GIGS for December 14-16

■ Star & Garter, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford:

Friday - Fishing For Robots; Saturday - Lithium

■ Cricketers, Westcliff-on-Sea: Friday - Broadway Clash; Saturday - Lizzies & the Banshees

■ Waggon at Wix: Saturday - Backtrackin'

■ Rose & Crown, Bishops Stortford: Friday -

Yellowhouse; Saturday - A Murder of Crows

■ Golden Fleece, Chelmsford: Friday - Expose;

Saturday - 6 String Makeover

■ Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, Southend: Friday (7.30pm) - Steve Hooker; Saturday - (5pm) Fat Dog Hopkins; (9pm) - GoGo-LoCo; Sunday (7.30pm) - Leo and Darren

■ Boars Head, Braintree: Friday - Half Stoned;

Saturday - Legend

■ Cow & Telescope, Southend: Friday - Mr Spankey & The Hipthrusters; Saturday - Electrum

■ Cock Inn, Bishop's Stortford: Saturday - Guilty Pleasures

■ Black Horse, Chelmsford: Saturday - Skafonics

■ The Swan, Wickford: Saturday - Fast on the Draw

■ Welcome Club, Stanford-le-Hope: Friday - Scam 69

■ Canvey Conservative Club: Saturday - Lord Toffingham

■ United Brethren, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford:

Friday - The Boomers; Saturday - Jamie Williams & the Roots Collective; Sunday - Morrigan's Path

FOOD & DRINK

SMART COOKIES

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HOW EASY IS IT TO
BAKE SCANDI
CHRISTMAS
BISCUITS WITH
HER DAUGHTERS

INGREDIENTS:

250g, plus 2tbs
butter
375g plain/
all-purpose flour,
plus extra for
dusting
150g icing/
confectioners'
sugar
1 egg yolk
3-4tbs double cream
Egg white, lightly beaten,
for brushing
Sanding, pearl or demerara/
turbinado sugar, to decorate

ACCEPT
COOKIES

BRONTE AURELL'S

DANISH BUTTER COOKIES

(MAKES 30)

METHOD:

1. Mix the butter and flour together to form crumbs. Add the sugar and mix, then work in the egg yolk and, finally, the cream. If the dough is too sticky, add a little more flour. Don't overwork the dough too much.
2. Leave it to rest in a plastic bag in the fridge for at least an hour, until cold.
3. Preheat the oven to 200°C (400°F) Gas 6. Line two baking sheets with baking parchment.
4. Turn the dough out

onto a floured surface. Roll pieces of around 20-25g into thin 'sausage' shapes about 20cm long, then form each into a pretzel shape and place on the lined baking sheets (the biscuits will spread out during cooking, so make sure there is space between them).
5. Repeat until all the dough is used.
6. Brush with egg white and top with the sugar, then bake for eight to 10 minutes, until just baked through (don't allow them to brown too much).
7. Leave to cool before storing in an airtight container.

BAKING with children always seems like an idyllic thing to do – especially at Christmas time. You can picture mum or dad guiding the small folk on what to do, while spoons are sneakily licked and festive tunes play in the background.

The reality, however, as anyone who's cooked with kids will know, never quite goes to plan.

Weighing everything out first and having it all ready to go is a good idea, but there's never enough time to be so organised and it creates a mountain of washing up.

Tiny fingers are drawn to hot pans and ovens like moths to a flame, and inevitably, someone ends up losing their rag.

But, as new cookbook ScandiKitchen Christmas hits the shelves, I'm drawn in once again, and set about making its Swedish ginger biscuits with my daughters, aged six and nine.

INGREDIENTS (Makes 50-70 biscuits)
550g plain/all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting; 1tsp bicarbonate of/baking soda; 1½tsp ground ginger; 1tsp ground cloves; 1tbs ground cinnamon; 1tsp ground cardamom; ½tsp ground allspice; Pinch of salt; 100g granulated sugar; 100g soft dark brown sugar; 150g butter, at room temperature; 200g golden syrup; 150ml double cream

MAKING THE DOUGH

THE recipe says to make the biscuit dough in a stand mixer using the paddle attachment.

This is all pretty straight forward.

I took charge of loading up the scales while Poppy, my six-year-old, yelled 'Stop!' when the measurements read the right amount. She also enjoyed spooning in all the spices. So far, so easy.

When the dough comes together, it is pretty heavy, so an adult will need to retrieve it from the bowl. But then it's over to the small folk to roll it into a giant sausage and wrap it in cling film.

Then it needs to rest in the fridge overnight. Prepare them for this. If your kids are anything like mine, the main joy of baking lies in the eating, so when they discover none of that is going to happen until the next day, there might be some tantrums.

You can, however, bribe them back to happiness by giving them a hunk of the cookie dough to eat raw. Works every time.

BAKING THE BISCUITS

THE next day, preheat your oven at 200°C and line baking sheets with parchment – a boring job,

but something the kids can help with. Then set up a nice floury worktop, break off a chunk of the dough (there's loads), let the little ones roll it out to around 2mm thick and cut out an array of Christmas-shaped biscuits.

Rosie, my nine-year-old, went first. Sometimes the rolling out got a teeny bit thin, but generally they found this pretty easy, and enjoyed taking it in turns to break off another hunk and make some more biscuits.

You can get a bit of a conveyor-belt system going as well. This recipe makes so many biscuits that it's good to get each baking tray in the oven as soon as it fills up. You can also do that easily because they cook to perfection in just six minutes.

Once they're out of the oven, leave for a few minutes before popping on to a cooling rack. Pleasingly, they also cool down quickly, so the kids can crack on with decorating.

We did try to make

Claire Spreadbury's daughters Poppy, left, and Rosie making the Swedish ginger biscuits

some into decorations, but my puny skewer holes disappeared in the oven. If you do want to hang them on the Christmas tree, make a sizeable circle to thread your string through.

ICING YOUR BAKES

THE best icing for these biscuits is a mixture of icing sugar, stirred into beaten egg white and a few drops of freshly squeezed lemon juice, because it goes hard when it dries and pipes beautifully.

However, if like me, you're in need of a break having got this far and just want to put your feet up and leave them to it, you can let little ones loose with colourful tubes of icing or even chocolate – sold in all good supermarkets.

THE VERDICT

THESE biscuits are actually wonderfully easy to make with kids, and if you can make them into decorations, even better.

My girls loved it, and having decorated a grand total of eight so far, there's another 53 in an air-tight container waiting for them – perfect for the school holidays.

■ ScandiKitchen Christmas (left) by Bronte Aurell, photography by Peter Cassidy, is published by Ryland Peters & Small, priced £16.99.

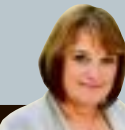
HOLD on to your Christmas hats! If you love red wines with a bit of heart, depth, richness and ripe fruits which can comfort and hug, then I'm here for you.

It would be wrong not to head to Bordeaux with a couple of wines that say "food, food, food". **Grand Plessis, Médoc, 2015** (£11, Marks & Spencer) is a smooth and fruity claret. It's classy and elegant on the palate like a good French wine should be, with a lovely floral nose.

There are hints of spice and liquorice beneath the blackberry fruit flavours. **Calvet Reserve, Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon, Bordeaux, 2016** (Waitrose £9.39) is a blend of merlot and cabernet sauvignon and is ideal if roasting beef is your Christmas Day roast of choice. But hey, this

RAISE
A GLASS

WITH JANE CLARE



full-bodied red, lashed with dark fruits and pepper is also suitable for vegetarians so forget the beef and sip with your veggie option.

Where to go next? I'm spoilt for choice but I'll stick with France because I love **Domaine Jones Fitou 2016** (£15.50, The Wine Society). I jealously guarded it when I was "tasting" it for your benefit. The challenges I face.

It's a blend of grenache, carignan and syrah and is full-bodied and rich. The essence of ripe, delicious, plummy dark and red fruits stunningly shine

through. Main course? Yes. Cheese? Definitely.

I'm now waving a Christmas glass of **Zalze Shiraz Mourvedre Viognier**, right, (RRP £8.79, Waitrose, Morrisons and Asda) and thinking it's a good match for a plate of all the Christmas dinner goodies. Shiraz takes centre stage in this blend, which has notes of brambly hedgerow fruits and cherry.

If a Spanish Rioja is more to your festive liking, then **Marques De Caceres Gran Reserva 2009** (RRP £18.99, majestic.co.uk) will be a good choice. It has been aged for over two years in oak, which leaves a signature with vanilla, coffee, spice and bold red fruits. A powerpack of a red wine and the flavours keep on giving.



Clos de los Siete (RRP £17, Sainsbury) hails from Argentina. The country's signature wine grape, malbec, takes the lead in a five-grape blend including merlot, cabernet sauvignon and syrah.

Flavours of red fruits, plums and spices dance a tango in your mouth, then linger temptingly. Sip and watch the Christmas episode of Strictly for the full effect.

A final choice is **Co-op Irresistible Chilean Carménère 2017**, right, (£7) which is a new wine in store and was two years in the planning between the Co-op team and winemaker Diego Covarrubias. You'll enjoy an easy-drinking,

any-day kind of wine, full of black cherries. More than anything, you'll love the label.

■ Also in my glass... If you enjoy whisky then **Glen Marnoch Speyside Single Malt Whisky** (£17.49, Aldi) might just suit. With notes of toast and marmalade, this would make an excellent breakfast whisky, should there be such a thing. For a Scottish single malt, it's surprisingly easy drinking, light, but at the same time rich and fruity. It could easily hold its own in a blind test, and you could pay twice as much for an inferior dram.

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INGREDIENTS:

200ml whole milk; 0.5g (or the tiniest pinch) ground saffron; 25g fresh yeast; 75g caster/superfine sugar; 100ml quark or Greek yogurt; 400-500g strong bread flour, plus extra for dusting; ½tsp salt; 100g tbs butter, softened and cubed; 1 egg, beaten (reserve half for brushing); a handful of raisins; pearl sugar (optional)

METHOD:

1. Heat the milk in a pan until finger-warm (no more than 37°C/98°F), then add the ground saffron.
2. In a stand mixer, add the fresh yeast and the milk-saffron mixture (again, no warmer than 37°C/98°F or the yeast will die). Mix for one minute, then add the sugar and stir until dissolved.
3. Stir in the quark or yogurt until incorporated, then mix in about half the flour, as well as the salt. As you keep mixing, gradually add more flour, taking care not to add too much (saffron is very drying, so if you have a dry dough, the end result will also be dry). Add the butter and half of the egg and keep mixing, adding more flour as

**BUN FIGHT**

LUCIA BUNS - THE SCANDI ADVENT TREAT
(MAKES 16)

needed. This will take around five minutes.

4. When the dough is springy and well-kneaded, leave to rest in a covered bowl in a warm place for 40 minutes or until doubled in size.

5. Turn out the dough onto a floured surface and knead. Cut into 16 even pieces. Roll each piece into a 20cm-long roll. Take each end and twist them back in on themselves in opposite directions, so you end up with an S-shape.

6. Line a baking tray with paper, then place each bun on it, ensuring there is good distance between each one (or shape into a wreath by placing the buns in a circle, leaving a 1cm gap between

them, as they spread during baking). Gently press a raisin into the centre of each swirl. Leave to rise for 20 minutes.

7. Preheat the oven to 170°C/340°F/Gas 3½.

8. Gently brush each bun with the remaining egg and bake for eight to 10 minutes, or until golden and done.

9. Leave under a damp tea towel for at least 10 minutes as soon as they come out of the oven to ensure no crust forms. If you wish, scatter over some pearl sugar.

10. Saffron dough dries out quickly, so eat the buns on the day of baking or freeze as soon as they're cool. You can also enjoy them toasted when they're a few days old.

THIS basic chocolate treat recipe requires no baking and is super-quick to make, as it's essentially butter, cocoa and sugar. Make them ahead and keep them in the fridge, as they last for a week or so.

"I tend to make a few batches and flavour them for different tastes, either flavouring the balls as I make them or rolling them in flavoured coverings," says Bronte Aurell. "Make a large quantity, split the mixture into several batches (I normally do four batches of around 200g each) and flavour each one at the end. I've included some favourite variations below, but this recipe is perfect for experimentation."

INGREDIENTS:

250g, plus 2tbs butter, softened
400g rolled oats
150g icing/confectioners' sugar
3-4tbs (heaped) cocoa powder
4tbs brewed strong coffee, cooled
1tsp vanilla sugar

METHOD:

1. Place all the ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix until you have a good, uniform mixture. I usually do it in a stand mixer with a paddle attachment, but this isn't difficult to do by hand.

2. Make equal-sized balls (usually the size of a whole walnut), then roll in your chosen covering (see below), before chilling in the fridge.



3. The traditional treat is rolled in pearl/nibbed sugar, desiccated/dried shredded

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GETAWAY

Put the **magic** back into Christmas

REMEMBER how Christmas used to feel when I was little. My absolute favourite time of the year, anticipation building almost as soon as the new school term began in September, waiting for the first fairy lights to appear in the windows on my street and the chills down my back every time I caught the opening bars of Shakin' Stevens' Merry Christmas Everyone.

But, somewhere along the line, that glow just... goes. The fairy lights look a little dimmer and the carol concerts become something to be endured rather than enjoyed.

Don't get me wrong, I still love Christmas. It's just that the magic isn't quite as, well, magical, when you're a grown-up.

Düsseldorf, however, is different. There is something about how this place does it which makes it that much better.

Twinkling lights, the smell of fir trees, the scent of glühwein wafting through the air and gentle jingles of festive music float across the Rhine in the centre of the city.

Just over an hour's flight from Bristol, a sprawling series of Christmas markets spread out across this historic backdrop, and even the frostiest of Scrooge-like hearts can't fail to be warmed by the atmosphere. Or the mulled wine, if nothing else.

Running until the end of December, the seven markets are take up more than one kilometre, and each has a different theme.

In the heart of the city's Old Town, the tightly-packed wooden sheds nestle under the cosmopolitan mix of traditional and contemporary architecture which gives Düsseldorf so much character. The huts are adorned with festive lights and decorations in keeping with each of the themes, including angels, stars and fairy tales, and moving from one little world into another keeps the experience interesting and unique – you won't get fatigued by endless rows of stalls because each themed market offers new sights, sounds, smells and stuff to buy.

Try a mulled wine or cider, hot chestnuts or traditional deep-fried potato patties with apple mousse

SIAN DAVID rediscovers her festive spirit on a trip to Düsseldorf's markets



Christmas markets in Düsseldorf are bright and colourful and each one has a different theme



Novelty nutcrackers on a stall

A gingerbread house at Hinkel's bakery

It isn't Christmas without glühwein

from one of the food stalls – not forgetting piping hot bratwurst or currywurst, staples of a German Christmas market.

Beyond the stalls and merchandise, the city comes alive with an outdoor ice rink, children's fun activities and carol singing all part of the festivities.

For all that the markets bring a nostalgic and traditional Christmassy feel to the city, Düsseldorf itself is actually a progressive metropolis,

constantly moving with the times and reinventing itself. After some 85% of the city's buildings were destroyed or damaged in the Second World War, Düsseldorf has been building on its heritage to create a cityscape which reflects its past but looks to the future, too.

The city's transport network is designed to encourage footfall to the attractions in the centre, from the wide green spaces to the high fashion

hub on the Königsallee (King's Avenue).

To make the most of a swift spell in the city, jump on a hop-on, hop-off tour bus and cram a lot of learning into a short space of time.

After a day of strolling through the atmospheric streets, including a trip to fourth-generation baker Hinkel (you must go; the bread, the gingerbread, the everything is out of this world) on Mittelstraße, it was

time to take my weary feet back to the luxury of the Hotel Maritim. Located adjacent to Düsseldorf Airport, the hotel is the perfect spot for families, couples and business travellers.

It's only a short train journey away from the bustling centre of the city, but is incredibly convenient for arrival and onward travel.

The rooms are bright and fresh, with floor to ceiling windows, white linen and minimalist, clean lines, yet still manage a homely feel. The beds are outstandingly comfortable and, what impressed me most, is that each piece of artwork throughout the hotel's corridors is unique – they never repeat an image or painting, which is the kind of attention to detail you spot throughout the whole venue.

With 533 rooms and suites in all, the hotel also offers a wellness facility with pool, sauna and steam room, ideal for easing aching feet and backs after a long day walking and shopping.

There is free internet and wi-fi throughout the hotel, with wired access in the rooms.

There are also several bars and restaurants, as well as a comfortable lobby if you would prefer to sit for a while before nipping next door for your flight.

We flew with Flybmi on a compact plane which I found to have rather more leg room than average. There are three seats in each row, a single and a double, separated by an aisle. Boarding was unusually quick as a result, and with a full bar and snack service included the flight simply, er, flew.

As did the weekend, to be honest. I could have easily spent another couple of days exploring the old town, browsing the markets and wandering down to the media harbour, where some of the city's most beautiful and innovative architecture stands amid a bustling and growing business hub.

As it was, a 48-hour festive whirlwind in one of Europe's most beautiful locations was certainly enough to get me into the Christmas spirit.

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The outdoor ice rink



Düsseldorf has seven markets spread over one kilometre, each with a different theme

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Grand Baltic Cities & St Petersburg	15 May	15	25%	£1,629	£819
Majestic Fjordland	29 May	8	20%	£859	£429
Iceland & Northern Isles	15 Jun	13	20%	£1,489	£749
Canary Islands & Madeira	16 Oct	16	30%	£1,529	£769
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Sailing from Tilbury on board Marco Polo					
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Sailing from Newcastle on board Magellan					
Baltic Cities & St Petersburg	4 May	15	25%	£1,599	£799
Majestic Fjordland	18 May	8	15%	£909	£459
Round Britain & River Seine	21 June	12	25%	£1,289	£649
Sailing from Newcastle on board Marco Polo					
Overnight Mini Cruise	14 Aug	2	25%	£89	£44
Sailing from Rosyth on board Marco Polo					
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Sailing from Portsmouth on board Marco Polo					
Special 75th D Day Anniversary	2 Jun	7	15%	£839	£419

2019 Cruise programme	Departs	Days	Save up to	First person from	Second person
Rouen Armada & River Seine	9 Jun	9	25%	£909	£459
Iceland & Northern Isles	17 Jun	13	25%	£1,329	£669
Sailing from Dundee on board Magellan					
Majestic Fjordland	19 May	8	15%	£909	£459
Iceland, Faroës & Northern Isles	9 Jun	14	25%	£1,519	£759
Round Britain & River Seine	22 Jun	12	15%	£1,459	£729
Scottish Isles & Faroës Experience	3 Jul	7	25%	£699	£349
Sailing from Liverpool on board Magellan					
Grand Fjordland Splendour	27 Jul	13	25%	£1,399	£699
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Sailing from Bristol on board Magellan					
British Isles Discovery	1 Sep	12	30%	£1,199	£599
Iceland's Land of Ice & Fire	12 Sep	13	25%	£1,329	£669
Sailing from Cardiff on board Marco Polo					
Iceland & Northern Isles	3 May	13	30%	£1,239	£619
Isles of Scilly & Honfleur Weekend	15 May	5	15%	£479	£239
Sailing from Hull on board Astoria					
Fjordland Splendour	12 Sep	9	20%	£929	£469
Baltic Cities & St Petersburg	20 Sep	15	25%	£1,529	£769
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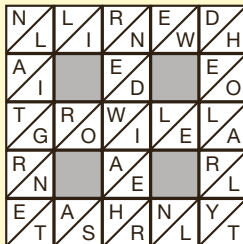
Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Victorian novels

W R I H E I G D L E R C H D T
U E N G I N H D I M A L A N H
T H I A T A T S M E C I L A E
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S O D E U R D T H E O W D R U
H T U R C A E H R N A O N E O
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Y O T E R S E M H A C E A R A
O R S R B E D I S T N G N G Y
F C A I D G A T D R A P X E G
L E R E O C V A R O I E C T R
D I F P P D I H S N T A T A E

Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.



Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy

	5		1	9			6	
9	6			5	8	2		1
		1						5
		6	5		4	7		3
	2				3			6
7		8	2			4		
5					9			
6		2	4	3			7	8
	4	9		6			3	

Hard

	3			4				
2	7		9					3
				1		2	9	
						6		5
8			5		3			7
3		5						
	8	6		5				
4					8		5	6
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Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

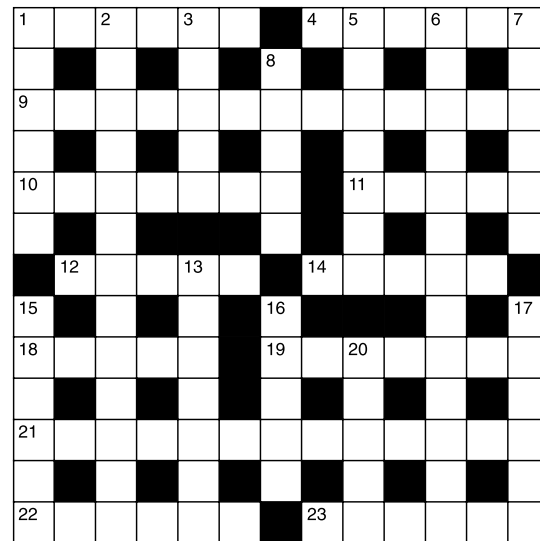
Cryptic

Across

1. Bend it owing to ... (2,4)
4. ... suitable support we hear (6)
9. Another person's snap judgment? (6,7)
10. Dressed a hundred with auction purchase he had! (7)
11. Support for two (5)
12. Food for directors, perhaps (5)
14. Confection makes us subject to group environment (5)
18. Hasn't lost a limb and is ready to fight (5)
19. The cost of sending former writers East (7)
21. Nor is distaste a result of such writing (13)
22. Holiday nook? (6)
23. Vegetables for golfers? (6)

Down

1. Creature as member of religious body (6)
2. Does he take patient notes? (6,2,5)
3. A wooden lot of magistrates? (5)
5. Squabble about one letter in another causes colourful display (7)
6. Doesn't the ordinary soldier work for his pay? (7,6)
7. More than vex the park-keeper (6)
8. They may yield interest but they are very restrictive (5)
13. Put different clothes on by way of compensation (7)
15. This colour is crazier still (6)
16. The pier seems somewhat black (5)
17. Against oversuspicious people being included (6)
20. Simon could - out to become nothing (5)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

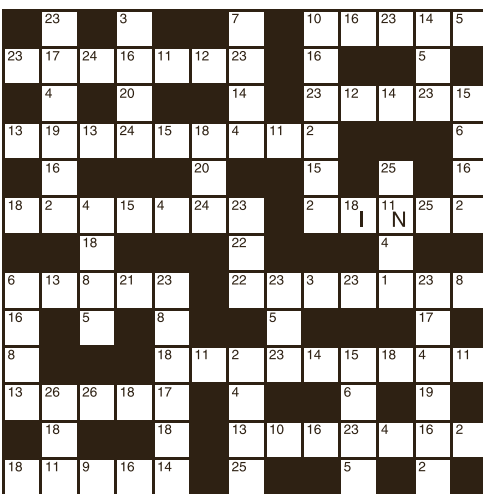
1. Owing (2,4)
4. Correct (6)
9. Supplementary judgment (6,7)
10. Dressed (7)
11. Hand tool (5)
12. Committee (5)
14. Sugary (5)
18. Having a weapon (5)
19. Charge (7)
21. Theses (13)
22. Niche (6)
23. Vegetables (6)

Down

1. Invertebrate (6)
2. Academic in the arts (6,2,5)
3. Seat (5)
5. Display of the spectrum (7)
6. Earnings from investments (7,6)
7. Park keeper (6)
8. Ties (5)
13. Compensate for (7)
15. More frenzied (6)
16. Pier (5)
17. Against (6)
20. Man's name (5)

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

R	T	N
E	Y	G
O	S	U

How you rate:

15 words - average; 25 words - good; 35 words - very good; 39 or more - excellent.

Quiz

1. Shameik Moore, Jake Johnson and Nicolas Cage are all voicing different versions of the same superhero in which new animated film?
2. Which city in Florida is closest to the Walt Disney World complex?
3. In which country did gymkhanas originate? What sort of device was patented by Isaac Merrit Singer in 1851?
4. Which instrument is used in surveying to measure horizontal and vertical angles?



Q1 - Jake Johnson

6. What was the pen name of Bulldog Drummond author H C McNeile?
7. Which British ice dancers, who won gold medals at the 1984 Olympics, were famous for their Barnum and Bolero routines?
8. What was the surname of the French brothers who invented the hot-air balloon?
9. Who wrote The Two Gentlemen of Verona and Love's Labour's Lost?
10. Which famous American baseball player was known as the Sultan of Swat?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Pathfinder

Dolly Parton, Faith Hill, Carrie Underwood, Shania Twain, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, Emmylou Harris, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, Woody Guthrie, Kenny Rogers, Billy Ray Cyrus, Dixie Chicks, Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Billy Currington, Florida Georgia Line, Sheryl Crow.

Two-Speed Crossword

Across: 1 Protest march; 7 Steer; 8 Spill; 9 Ice; 10 Aunt Sally; 11 Ordeal; 12 Martin; 15 Follow out; 17 Elf; 18 Capri; 19 Grant; 21 All to the good. Down: 1 Public office; 2 Eve; 3 Tyrant; 4 Assistant; 5 Chili; 6 Playing-field; 7 Steed; 10 Analogist; 13 Treat; 14 Sought; 16 Lapel; 20 Ape.

Quiz

- 1 White Boy Rick; 2 Gymnastics; 3 Torpedo; 4 Thermometer; 5 1969; 6 Richard Nixon; 7 Sodom and Gomorrah; 8 Rwanda; 9 Montreal; 10 Proportional representation

Wordsquare

CHILDLIKE

Sudoku

1	9	3	6	4	2	8	7	5
4	2	6	7	8	5	3	9	1
8	7	5	9	1	3	2	6	4
2	8	1	4	9	7	5	3	6
9	3	4	1	5	6	7	2	8
6	5	7	3	2	8	1	4	9
5	6	9	2	3	1	4	8	7
7	1	2	8	6	4	9	5	3
3	4	8	5	7	9	6	1	2

Split Decision

A	N	G	E	L
C		L		A
T	R	U	L	Y
O		E		E
R	I	D	E	R

Codeword

1	V	J	Z	S	L	K	F	U	A	I	D	B	T
14	Y	Q	X	G	P	E	R	H	N	M	W	O	C

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HOT HOUSE



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ning water feature. It's the ideal place to entertain guests during the warmer months. It's also within walking distance of Chelmsford's railway station, perfect for commuters, and is close to the many city centre shops, bars and restaurants. The asking price is £385,000. To book a viewing or for more information, call Kemsley Residential on 01245 358800 or visit kemsley.com

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White wire star £7.99, HomeSense

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Left: Light-up forest, £38, Marquis AndDawe.co.uk



Left: Polar bear, £8, John Lewis



Above: Silver mirror star, £3, Marks & Spencer

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HOT HOUSE

A FOREVER HOME



This huge country house with its own swimming pool, sauna, cinema and wine store is on the market and it could be your dream home.

High Meadow in Church End, Albury, near Ware, is an extremely well-presented six-bedroom detached family home suitable for modern day living.

The large kitchen and breakfast room is generously proportioned and home to a large central island breakfast bar ideal for entertaining.

solid oak base eye level and tall units with granite work surfaces, offering both storage and space to prepare meals.

There is also a large drawing room and exceptional dining hall.

From the reception hall, there are a number of solid oak doors and oak flooring leading to various rooms - many of which have underfloor heat-

ing, as does the lower ground.

Plenty of entertainment is offered on the lower ground floor with an area boasting a cinema room, gymnasium and wine store.

Meanwhile upstairs there is an impressive triple aspect master bedroom suite featuring two walk-in dressing rooms and en-suite shower room.

There are also a further four en-suite bathrooms and large family bathroom.

Outside the large detached barn-style building boasts an indoor swimming pool, complete with a sauna room, shower room, changing room and pump room.

To the right of the gravel driveway is a detached carport and an additional garage with storage area above.

Planning permission with conditions has also been granted for a con-

servatory to the rear of the property.

A side extension to the existing detached garage is also possible.

The property is situated ideally for those looking to head into the city with the station in Bishop's Stortford just five miles away.

From there a train journey to London Liverpool Street takes approximately 38 minutes.

There are three schools in the area rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted including Furneux Pelham Church of England School, Jenyns First School and Nursery and Roger De Clare First CofE School.

The property is on the market for £2,195,000.

For more information or to arrange a viewing call 01279 949105 or visit rightmove.co.uk/property-for-sale/property-50868732.html





ANTIQUES FAIR

With Christopher Proudlove

THIS collecting antiques lark is just that... a lark and not to be taken too seriously. After all, since there are no pockets in a shroud, we're only "borrowing" the stuff we collect.

When the inevitable day comes, it will all have to be passed on, if you can find someone charitable enough to give it a home. And that's where the problems start.

Children these days mostly want none of it, save for a few choice mementos. We have two, whom I have referred to throughout the many years I've been writing this as the "young apprentices".

Sadly, among the traits we have failed to pass on is a love of antiques. They do appreciate antiques, but neither has a love of the stuff.

It's not surprising. With today's fluid jobs market and smaller, often rented homes, where are they going to keep dad's collection of vintage tractors? (I made that last bit up).

We plan to follow the tried and tested path of calling in the local auctioneers. They can sort it out and send our beneficiaries a cheque.

It's also good news for fellow collectors. Rarities and coveted items that have been off the market for the lifetime of the owner are back on sale and available once more (not that we have any of the latter). It's what makes the antiques world go round.

That's the only way the pieces illustrated here would ever have found their way into these pages.

One is a bronze bust by Sir Eduardo Paolozzi (1924-2005). It dates from the 1980s and depicts Count Basie, the American jazz pianist and bandleader from the 1980s and there are just three in existence. One is in the Tate Modern Collection. The second is currently held by the National Galleries of Scotland.

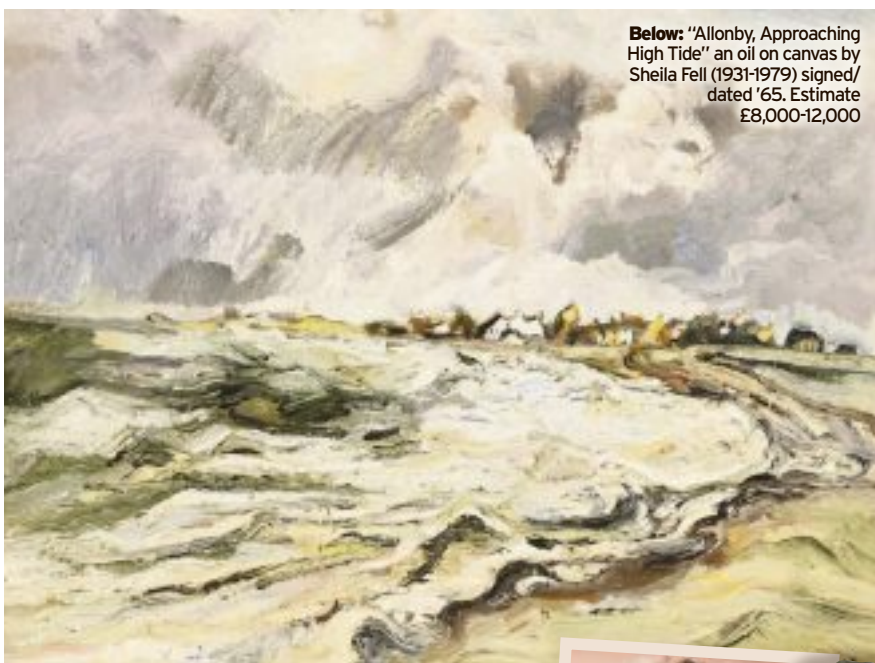
This one, the third, was once the treasured possession of the late Barbara Holliday Collection. Since the other two are in public ownership, this will be the only version ever to come to market.

As a result, Sworders auctioneers, who have been entrusted to sell Barbara's collection, have estimated its saleroom value to be £15,000-25,000. It could well make more.

It is one highlight of an outstanding collection of Modern British Art that Barbara assembled for her Cumbria home over the last 50 years. She died in March this year aged 82.

The 440 lots are expected to realise around £400,000. The sale at the Sworders in Stansted Mountfitchet, Cambridge, is on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. From the early 1970s, Barbara scoured the auction rooms on trips to London and the provinces, regularly picking up treasures. Her goal was to turn The Gale, a handsome Victorian house hidden from the road by trees in Highlaws, a hamlet 20 miles south west of Carlisle, into a home.

Newly married, she and her husband, Ormond, purchased the property in the early 1960s and while "Ormie" was occupied running the adjacent farm, Barbara set to work on her other great passion: her garden.



Below: "Allonby, Approaching High Tide" an oil on canvas by Sheila Fell (1931-1979) signed/dated '65. Estimate £8,000-12,000



The Red Pond, by Sir Cedric Morris (1889-1992) an oil on canvas dated 1932. Estimate £15,000-25,000



Rooms at The Gale, pictured below, are full of examples of Barbara's friends' talents

Queen of arts

A friend and patron to some of Britain's finest artists, the late Barbara Holiday's beautiful home is a treasure trove of desirable pieces



Count Basie bronze by Sir Eduardo Luigi Paolozzi (1924-2005) signed and dated 1987. Estimate £15,000-20,000

She was soon turning the somewhat sparse, small gardens into glorious formal landscaped terraces, now populated with mature trees and shrubs, enriched by garden statuary and urns, many to be included in the sale.

However, the glorious gardens did not prepare the visitor for what was to be found inside The Gale: an expansive collection of

Georgian and Victorian furniture, paintings, ceramics, silver and jewellery.

As London visits became more frequent, staying at the Farmer's Club proved less attractive, so soon the couple bought a pied-à-terre overlooking the Chelsea Arts Club.

From her early days in Cumbria, Barbara became a close friend of local artist Sheila Fell (1931-1979). By then a significant talent having been given her first one-person show at the age of just 24 at the Beaux Arts Gallery in London's Bond Street in 1955, Sheila taught at Chelsea School of Art and was elected an RA (member of the Royal Academy) in the mid-Seventies.

She had both trained and lived in London, but painted mostly scenes from her birthplace in Cumbria. The friendship between the two women encouraged Barbara who became a passionate collector of contemporary art and

sculpture, particularly by Royal Academicians, whose company Barbara enjoyed through her membership at the Academy.

Barbara enjoyed buying direct from her artist friends - the collection includes an oil on canvas by Sheila titled "Allonby, Approaching High Tide", estimated at £8,000-12,000 - and Olwyn Bowey and Carel Weight in particular also became close family friends, making long trips to The Gale to paint and guide Barbara in her collecting.

Barbara was instrumental in arranging the major Carel Weight exhibition at Abbott Hall in Kendal, entitled Carel Weight, Anne McEntegart: Paintings in early 1986, and in Olwyn she found someone who was dedicated to the tradition of the artist plantsman. Works by both artists feature prominently in the collection.

Through them she met and bought works by several of the significant Academicians of the late 20th century, among them Dame

Elizabeth Frink, Sir Jacob Epstein, Sir Robin Phillipson, Anthony Gross, Bernard Dunston, Ruskin Spear, Mary Fedden and

William Roberts. All are represented in the sale. Late in his life she formed a friendship with Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, from whom she bought his Count Basie bronze and who gifted her several plaster sculptures. Barbara lived in the era of the hand-written letter and delighted in writing to her artist friends. Those paintings and sculptures that have letters directly relating to them are being sold with the original correspondence.

Barbara and Ormie had two sons. Mark and his family have made their life in Africa, and Johnny, with a career in aviation, travels extensively from his base in the East Midlands, so does not have a home that could house the extensive collection.

As the auction catalogue notes: "Having chosen a few personal items to keep, it is with a mixture of sadness and pride that they offer their mother's diverse and fascinating collection for sale."

Sounds familiar. ■ More information: Sworders Auctioneers 01279 817778.



Left-right: A bronze of a golden eagle by Dame Elisabeth Frink (1930-1993) Estimate £5,000-8,000 and a bronze of a baby's head, by Sir Jacob Epstein (1880-1959). Estimate £3,000-5000

YOUR HOME

Eco-shopping made easy

ABI JACKSON

highlights five businesses doing their bit to help UK shoppers make more ethical choices for their homes

If you want to be kinder to the environment, support local businesses, or cut your plastic waste, or all of the above, knowing where to start with making ethical consumer choices isn't always easy.

Thankfully, brands are increasingly recognising that these things are vital, and it really does make a difference if they can help make these choices a little clearer and easier for everyone.

Next time you're shopping for home goods, from kitchen and cookware to bedding and curtains, check out these five brands putting ethics at the heart of business...

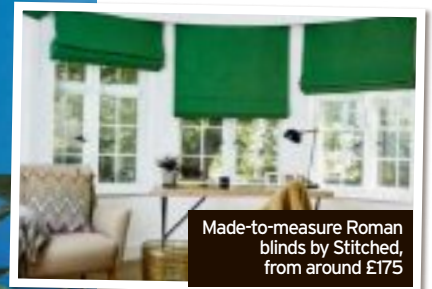
STITCHED

Unsure whether you can be a conscious consumer and still fill your home with beautiful, high-quality things? Stitched is a new company making made-to-measure curtains and blinds in a vast array of colours, designs and fabrics – all sewn up with some superb sustainability credentials too.

Whether it's fabrics made from 100% recycled plastic bottles scooped from the ocean, gorgeous recycled silks or sustainably-sourced wools that take your fancy, all the products are manufactured in Yorkshire, Merseyside and Devon, meaning lower carbon footprints and you'll be supporting British business too.

Made-to-measure Roman

Nectar Sleep Mattress, range in price from £499-£899



Made-to-measure Roman blinds by Stitched, from around £175

blinds, from around £175, and Curtains, from around £200 (**stitched.co.uk**).

TURTLE SAVERS

For anyone who has young children, sensitive teeth or difficulty using cups (or even just a fondness for fancy drinks!), drinking straws can actually be pretty handy things to keep in your kitchen – but throwaway plastic straws are bad news for our oceans and their wildlife.

A reusable solution could be a

worthwhile investment: Turtle Savers does a pack of 12 stainless steel straws (including six bent ones and six straight ones), pictured left, that are dishwasher-



safe and come with cleaning brushes and cloth. They come in a mix of coloured metallic finishes, making a stylish – and planet-friendly – addition to your cutlery drawer.

Turtle Savers reusable straws, £19.99 for 12 (**turtlesavers.uk**).

ETHICALSUPERSTORE.COM

Wish buying green/ethically/sustainably could be more convenient and transparent?

Ethicalsuperstore.com is an online retailer that stocks only brands that meet its ethos, and every item on the site is accompanied with visual tags illustrating its credentials (Fair Trade, Recycled, Vegan, Certified Organic, BPA-free, etc) as well as its country of origin.

You can even filter your searches by the criteria that matter most to you. The Home & Garden section is filled

with everything from kitchen appliances, eco kettles and cookware, to beautiful tableware, glassware, furniture and bedding.

NECTAR SLEEP

A good night's sleep is priceless – but a quality mattress certainly helps and is worth every penny. Nectar Sleep makes the UK's first and only climate neutral mattresses (that means they have a net zero carbon footprint, big tick for those all-important eco credentials) and though the brand is American, it recently launched over here and opened a factory in England – so you'll know your mattress has been manufactured on home turf.

And of course, they also come

with all the 'revolutionary memory foam' features (amazing support, comfort and temperature-regulating materials) you could wish for.

Nectar Sleep mattress, from £499-£899 (**nectarsleep.co.uk**).

PROCOOK

Cutting down on plastic can seem like an overwhelming challenge – the stuff is literally everywhere – so it's welcome news when brands promise to help by slashing it from their products and packaging.

ProCook recently pledged to use fully recyclable materials in its extensive cookware and knife ranges, with the aim of eliminating 90% of all plastic packaging used by the end of 2018, and 95% from the packaging across all product ranges by the end of 2019.

Striving for the most environmentally-friendly manufacturing techniques as well, this is a brand worth considering when you next need to replace your cookware, or source a gift for a planet-conscious foodie.

We love the ProCook Professional Ceramic Frying Pan (£25), left, which features a PFOA-free non-stick titanium-reinforced, scratch-resistant coating that promises to require less energy during cooking too (**procook.co.uk**).



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YOUR GARDEN

With Diarmuid Gavin

Gifts to suit them to a tree

Choose something different for loved ones with the gift that keeps on giving

Fourteen years ago this week, I had just been unceremoniously booted off *Strictly* for crimes against dance.

But nothing could wipe the smile from my face because in the same week back then, my wife gave birth to our glorious daughter.

To celebrate our winter baby we

planted a tree. Now, like the baby, it's grown, but into a mature witch hazel that's just about to spread its joy through flower and scent.

While nothing can compare to the blooming delight of our daughter, the *Hamamelis* is a true joy.

Every year at this time I look to that plant growing happily in the garden and I'm grateful that we took the time in the middle of the glitzy mania to

mark the occasion in such a way.

Plants are great for occasions. People often ask me for suggestions when they wish to mark a significant event.

In the coming weeks we'll give plenty as gifts, but for the coming year I'd love to give you my choices for some beautiful plants, ideal for special occasions, to commemorate comings and goings, or to give as gifts for

landmark birthdays and anniversaries.

Cherry trees are revered in Japan, celebrated for their fleeting beauty, symbolic of life itself, and make attractive and poignant presents. I have many favourites in this category but will single out *Tai Haku*, the great white cherry, as one of the best. Its crown spreads broadly so needs space to stretch its limbs, and you'll be

dazzled by its large, pure white blossoms.

For a smaller garden, *Shogetsu* is a delightful cherry with bunches of drooping pale pink blossoms. It's very popular as a wedding gift, its common name being *Blushing Bride*!

Another bridal possibility is *Exochorda The Bride*, a wonderful spring-flowering shrub bedecked with white blossoms.

Or gift the happy couple with *Rosa Congratulations* - this is a rich pink, repeat flowering hybrid tea rose.

Celebrate milestones with *Camellia Silver Anniversary* - pure white peony blooms with golden stamens in late winter and beautiful evergreen leaves all-year round. *Rosa Golden* celebration could cover a number of occasions from retirement to 50 years of wedlock. This David Austin English rose has rich golden blossoms with an intense fragrance to match.

And to celebrate that special woman in your life, *Rosa Mum in a Million* is a very popular hybrid tea rose with scented pink roses - the perfect gift for birthdays or



Exochorda



Rosa Golden

JOBS FOR THE WEEK

■ Jobs this time of the year are very weather dependent. If you've had flooding, you're probably best staying indoors because pathways are slippery and soil shouldn't be worked on when it's sodden.

■ However, if you're itching for gardening work, then it's time for apple and pear pruning. Cherries and plums shouldn't be touched during winter as this will leave them vulnerable to silver leaf fungus. Apply grease bands to the trunks to stop overwintering moths climbing up and laying eggs.

■ With temperatures plummeting, make

sure your tender plants are either wrapped up or taken indoors.

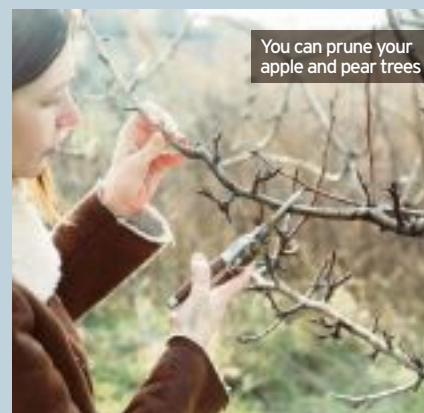
■ Continue to rake fallen leaves off the lawn and out of the pond and on to the compost heap.

■ Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbages and sprouts and enjoy home-grown produce on Christmas Day.

■ Go foraging in your garden for attractive greenery, berries, branches that can be kept fresh in a bucket of water or sprayed silver, gold or white for Christmas decorations, wreaths and gifts.



Keep raking those fallen leaves



You can prune your apple and pear trees



Camellia Silver Anniversary



Tai Haku

Mothering Sunday.

You can have fun searching for aptly named plants – there's so much to choose from. Want to give your Auntie Marjorie something personalised?

There's Clematis Marjorie, a very nice one too, an early flowering creamy pink variety.

Magnolias make gorgeous gifts as well. Here I'd recommend Magnolia Merrill which has a fairly upright habit and is suitable for small gardens. It's a bit like the

Star Magnolia but with wider petals that have a blush pink at the base – fragrant, delicate and very special.

Another way to celebrate someone is to do a tree dedication. Support the work of leading woodland conservation charity, The Woodland Trust, and for £20 you can choose a tree in one of their woodlands and they will send a personalised occasion certificate, map and wood information sheet. For further information, visit woodlandtrust.org.uk

ASK DIARMUID

Q Recently you advised a reader to choose a clump-forming bamboo tree to cover her arbour. We have what must be that type – and it's taking over. It is starting to push up flagstones and is now infringing on our neighbour's garden. How do we go about resolving this issue?

Margaret Treacy

A Unfortunately, there's no easy answer to this. Unless you remove the bamboo from

the area beside the flagstones and insert a root barrier around the 'mother plant' the issue will continue. Some species have vigorous near-surface roots, and your bamboo is one of them. So, dig up the extended parts of the plant, and use a thick black plastic vertical membrane to a depth of 60cm. This will allow you to control the original plant. Dig a track 58cm deep which will leave you with a 2cm section of the barrier

protruding the surface when it's fitted. Rhizomes occasionally creep over the surface so this small protrusion will stop them. Place your barrier vertically into the track and backfill with soil as you go. If you come upon any existing rhizomes when digging your track, just remove them. If you keep your bamboo within the barrier well fertilised and watered, it's less likely to spread out in search of nutrients.

PLANT OF THE WEEK**Erysimum 'Jumbo Orange'**

This is a lovely new introduction from Plant World Seeds, a small family firm in Devon.

Every year its catalogue is a delightful collection of unusual seeds and this flamboyant wallflower caught my eye.

They have developed a perennial variety with fragrant bright orange flowers which open in late winter. Also of interest are

the Dahlia Autumn Dazzlers, a new generation of tall elegant dahlias hybridized at Plant World.

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Let's all get cosy

Follow **GABRIELLE FAGAN'S** guide for hibernating in style this winter

Colder weather getting you down? You're not alone. Shorter days and darker evenings inevitably leave us craving a large dose of cosy and warm, inviting rooms to retreat to, which become comforting sanctuaries at this time of year.

Need to feather your nest? Frankly, there's no need for fuss or faff – just a few style tweaks will work magic.

Follow these six easy steps to snug...

1. SNUGGLE UP SCANDI-STYLE

"I love that Scandi look, which is about pleasing the senses with calm colours that soothe the mind, and textures that you just want to touch," says Nadia McCowan Hill, resident style advisor, Wayfair.

"Go for chunky knits, soft sheepskin and natural wood. It's all about adding depth of tones and comfort to this texture story. Don't forget to add a scented candle – notes of cinnamon, clove and orange are seasonal – and play peaceful music. Sit back and enjoy the peace!"

2. SHOP FOR CHIC COSY TREATS

Accessories with dark tones of slate grey and charcoal combined with cream will keep a scheme looking modern.

Tiled and wooden floors are ultra-fashionable but can be so cold for toes. A rug or two will help keep feet toasty. Switch summer throws for something warmer – like fleece, velvet or wool – and you've got a sofa that's perfect for sinking into after a long day.

3. LET IT GLOW

A combination of candlelight, mirrors and glass will reflect and accentuate any natural light available and help banish the gloom of winter.

In the evenings, turn lights down low and create an intimate atmosphere with seasonal lights,

lamps and twinkling candlelight – and the flickering flames of the fire, if you're lucky enough to have one.

4. SWITCH ON SEASONAL LIGHTS

Festive decorations can double up as mood lighting or add to the twinkling effect, conjuring an extra dose of Christmas cosy.

5. COLOUR IT IN

"Turn up the cosy stakes in a living room by embracing exotic colour, for a carnival-style festive glow that's fun and funky," says Nadia.

"Rich, bright shades will bring warmth to any interior, and you can ramp up the rainbow effect with scatter cushions and accessories. A pair of jewel-toned velvet curtains will revamp a draughty window and shut out an icy chill."

6. PICK UP ON PINK AND POM-POMS

There are some lovely pops of pink and pom-poms aplenty in the shops right now, perfect for adding that final soft – and quirky – touch.



Above: Faux fur grey tipped beanbag, £65; faux chinchilla stripe beanbag, £115; House log holder, £69.95; Yanto large brass diamond floor lamp, £55, Graham & Green



Above: These colourful accessories from Homesense store can make any room a bright haven from the dark nights and bad weather



Above: Lit forest dome, £30, Cox & Cox

Left: Wooden carnival star, £16.50, Cox & Cox



Left: Tweedmill pure new wool fishbone knee lap blanket, chocolate, £28, Hurn & Hurn. (All prices correct at time of going to press)



Above: Two plywood star lights, £35, Coxandcox.co.uk



Left: Klippan pure wool blanket/throw, vinga white, £70, AndShine.co.uk

Below: Three Scandi tealight houses, £50, Coxandcox.co.uk



GET FLEECE

Sheepskin accessories are a perfect way to add a snugly touch of style



Malini Mongolian sheepskin cushion, £45, Cult Furniture



Premium sheepskin white rug, currently reduced from £82.99 to £67.99, Wayfair



Sheepskin pouffe in slate grey, £125, BaaStool



Above: Aslan brass candle holder, £13.95; golden palm candle holders, £21.50 and double, £38; celia crane nickel candle holder, £30; Keith Kiwi brass candle holder, £14.95, Grahamandgreen.co.uk

Below: Belinda velvet throws, £75 each, Ragged Rose

Below: Multi-coloured pom pom wall hanging, £13, Ian Snow





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Exact match: Gold butterfly clip, £6, John Lewis (johnlewis.com)



Barbro dark wood floor lamp with cream shade, £45, IconicLights.co.uk



Exact match: Louis De Poortere Columbus rug (L180 x W120cm) in gold, from £216, John Lewis

Gold glittered rosehip wreath, £33, Amara.com



Gold dinner candles, £1.49 each, Wax-lyrical.com



Glitzy, glamorous and gorgeous! Go for gold in the living room this Christmas, says **JENNY WOOD**

Glittery gold clip-on bird, £2.50, TCH.net

Gold and stone effect large vase, £16.99, HomeSense (homesense.com)

Gold light-up heart, £1, Poundland (poundland.co.uk)

Glitter leaf, £1.99, Dobbies (dobbies.com)

6ft pre-lit artificial Nordic fir tree, £125, Dunelm (dunelm.com)

Exact match: Martini side table in brass, £159, West Elm (westelm.co.uk)



Mood ochre cushion, £29, Furniture Village (furniturevillage.co.uk)



Onion faceted gold bauble, £1, B&Q



Gisela Graham gold glitter cylinder candle, £4.50, Amazon.co.uk



Pyramid terrarium, £19.99, TK Maxx (tkmaxx.com/uk/en)



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Exact match: Gold sequin tree skirt, £40, John Lewis



For an exact match, try the Belgrave large metal leg 3-seater sofa in Harriet Mustard, top, £1,899 at John Lewis. If you're on a budget there's the Rufus 3-seater sofa in mustard yellow, left, for £599 from Made.com

14cm gold effect glitter poinsettia on clip, £1, B&Q



Keep the walls and floor plain to let your glitzy accessories take centre stage - just make sure you avoid going OTT

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With Alex Neill of Which?

It will take time for us all to get smart on energy

The target of replacing all our old meters by 2020 is looking increasingly unrealistic

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Only a minority have smart meters – they can show energy costs, and can communicate with power suppliers so no more waiting for meter readers, estimated bills or trying to read the figures yourself.

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By the end of 2020, two years away, the plan was that all our nearly 50 million gas and electricity meters should be replaced by smart meters.

But UK spending watchdog the National Audit Office has warned there is “no prospect” of meeting that deadline. One problem is many smart meters go “dumb” after a supplier switch – leaving the choice between keeping the meter and finding a better deal. Second generation meters work better but so far few homes have them.

A second problem arose in parts of Scotland and the North of England where smart meters failed to connect to power suppliers because of infrastructure difficulties. Solutions to both these problems are in the pipeline. The meters do not use broadband and are designed to be impossible to hack.

At best, the watchdog says the



£11 billion replacement programme will reach about seven out of 10 homes and businesses by 2020. It calculates that with 39m old-fashioned meters yet to be replaced, there is “no realistic prospect” of all homes and businesses being offered one by the end of 2020. Replacing meters in dual fuel households costs nearly £400 a time but longer term savings should outweigh this.

Energy suppliers agree the government deadline is unlikely to be hit. Npower says “the obligation of power companies is to take ‘all reasonable steps’ to offer smart meter installation to customers.” Installation on request is a legal must for all companies except the very smallest. While all who apply should get a new meter, some urge caution.

Gillian Guy, chief executive of Citizens Advice, said: “We firmly believe 2023 rather than 2020 is a more reasonable deadline so technical problems can be fixed.”

And Comparethemarket energy guru Peter Earl added: “Until the second generation of smart meters is rolled out nationwide by all suppliers, we could not confidently recommend them as they might fail after a switch.”



Smart meters should make it easier to monitor energy use... but could complicate changing your provider

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SMART METERS

Do I have to have a smart meter?

No. And you don't have to give a reason to refuse one.

Do I have to pay for this?

Not directly as the cost is built into tariffs. Future savings should make it worthwhile.

How will I know how much I am using?

You can have a free “repeater”

or “in-home display” to carry from room to room.

What if I want one now?

Contact your energy supplier. But ensure that it is a second generation device otherwise it could stop working if you change company.

Are smart meters safe?

They emit fewer radio waves, which some consider dangerous,

than mobile phones or microwaves. And installers are trained to check for dangerous home wiring or gas defects.

How will I save when I am already careful?

It is hoped that competition will force suppliers to pass on savings. Later on, cheaper off-peak power may be easier to access.

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Bromley Close, Harlow



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Glan Avons Mews, Harlow



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Sycamore Field, Harlow



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Abbotsweld, Harlow



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Milwards, Harlow



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Peterswood, Harlow



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Morley Grove, Harlow



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£380,000

Glan Avon Mews, Potter Street



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£415,000

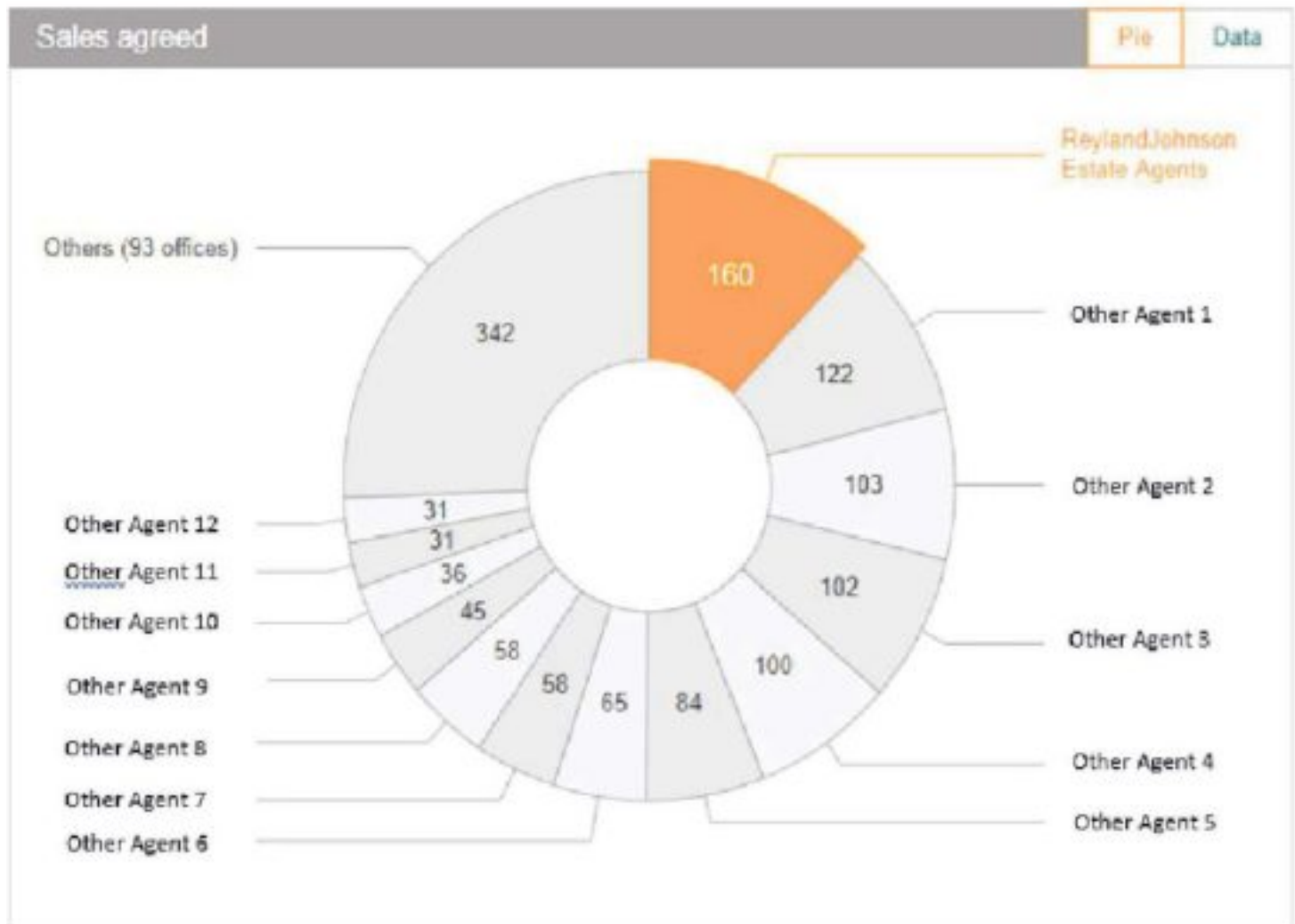
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Rayland Johnson Estate Agents have just won The British Property Awards for Harlow.

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- Allocated Parking
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: C



£235,000

TICKENHALL DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

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£250,000

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- Two Bedrooms
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- Mid Terrace
- Close To Station
- EPC Rating: TBC



£264,995

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- Two Bedrooms
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£270,000

WESTFIELD, HARLOW

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- Private Rear Garden
- Madden Interior
- Complete Upper Chain
- EPC Rating: E



£285,000

HORNBEAMS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Cul De Sac Spot
- Potential To Extend
- Large Garden
- Mid Terrace
- EPC Rating: D



£290,000

FULLERS MEAD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace Home
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Utility & Storage Area
- Good Decorative Order
- EPC Rating: TBC



£320,000

JOCELYNS, OLD HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Close To Shops
- Kitchen/Diner
- Mid Terrace
- EPC Rating: TBC



£330,000

THE OXLEYS, OLD HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Semi Detached
- No Onward Chain
- EPC Rating: TBC



£334,995

MORLEY GROVE, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- End Of Terrace
- Two Bathrooms
- Close To Town
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D



£339,995

SAKINS CROFT, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Cul De Sac Spot
- Two Receptions
- Semi Detached
- EPC Rating: TBC



£399,995

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- Three Bedrooms
- Rarely Available
- Garage & Driveway
- Potential To Enlarge
- Detached Property
- EPC Rating: TBC



£410,000

FIR PARK, HARLOW

- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Bedroom Four/Study
- Conservatory
- Detached
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: TBC



£430,000

UPPER PARK, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Cul-De-Sac
- Semi Detached
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: TBC



GUIDE: £475,000 - £495,000

GLEBELANDS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Detached
- Garage & Drive
- Balcony To Master
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: TBC



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- Two Bathrooms

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With Justin Connolly

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From latest e-readers to headsets, what to give the gadget fan in your life this Christmas

ANKI VECTOR

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It's already pretty smart, but somewhere down the line, and the word is pretty soon, Vector will have access to Amazon's best-in-class AI assistant Alexa.

SONY PS CLASSIC AND SUPER NINTENDO CLASSIC MINI

£89.49 and £69.99, from amazon.co.uk

FORGET your hi-def 4K HDR gaming consoles - the old ones really are the best.

Pick up mini versions of these two classics for way less than you would have paid for them back in the day, and marvel at the majesty of proper games that bear no resemblance to real life whatsoever. Really, though, this could be the best money you ever spend - both consoles come with some classic games built-in - the PlayStation has the likes of Grand Theft Auto, Rayman, Metal Gear Solid and Final Fantasy VII, while the SNES system offers great games like Super Mario World, The Legend Of Zelda: A Link to the Past, and Super Mario Kart.

V-PET

£55 plus £4-per-month subscription, from shop.vodafone.com

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Virtually perfect:
Oculus Go

AMAZON KINDLE PAPERWHITE

£109.99, from amazon.co.uk

THE Paperwhite was already the best value for money e-reader you could buy - it has an unrivalled library of books available to read on a beautifully crisp and sensitively lit screen.

The Oasis is a better device, but is also much more expensive - its killer feature, though, is that it's waterproof, which gave it the edge over the Paperwhite... until now.

Amazon has just released an update which gives the cheaper Kindle a waterproof housing, too. Now we can go back to reading in the bath and by the pool.

Happy days are here again.

DJI OSMO POCKET

£329, from store.dji.com

SO new it didn't make the deadline for last week's Sound and Vision gift guide, Osmo's new camera is so good we just had to squeeze it in this week.

It's a hand-held video camera. I know, you think smartphones did for those years ago. And so they did, but the Osmo Pocket is different - it features an absolutely sensational three-axis gimbal stabilisation, which ensures super smooth footage no matter how rough the ride.

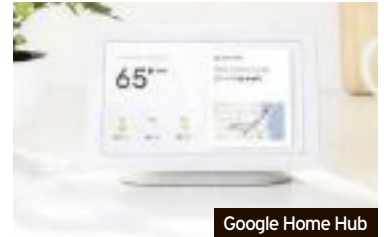


Super Nintendo Classic Mini



Sony PS Classic

Below L-R: Anki Vector; V-SOS; V-Pet; Tangram Factory Smart Rope; Amazon Kindle Paperwhite



Google Home Hub



DJI Osmo Pocket



Soundasleep Bluetooth Pillow

That's how you beat the smart-phone cameras - do something they can't do.

TANGRAM FACTORY SMART ROPE

£79.99, from amazon.co.uk

SKIPPING seems like a fun way to keep fit, doesn't it? I wouldn't know, of course, but I might be tempted to try if someone bought me one of these smart skipping ropes.

It obviously measures all kinds of stats via a linked smartphone app, but it also features an in-built array of LED lights in the rope, which can be used to display info in mid-air as you work out, like the number of skips you've managed. If that doesn't get you going, nothing will.

V-SOS

£78 plus £4-per-month subscription, from shop.vodafone.com

THE latest Apple Watch was rightly praised for its health-focused feature, like fall detection... but there were some who thought it might be a bit complicated for those that perhaps need it most.

Which is why the V-SOS wrist-band is such a great idea, and could give someone you care about the best gift of all - peace of mind. It offers fall detection but also a simple alert button if assistance is required.

A traffic light system offers reassurance to the wearer that help is on the way. That's it - no complex set up or extra features, and long battery life completes the picture.

OCULUS GO

199 from oculus.com/go/

VIRTUAL Reality is slowly but surely coming of age, and while most people will have to travel to a shopping centre or dedicated games centre to try it out,

Facebook-owned Oculus is working hard to bring a viable system to the masses.

A fully-featured standalone headset for £199 would have seemed like science fiction not long ago, but now it's here.

GOOGLE HOME HUB

£139, from store.google.com

OF all the smart-home hubs out there Google's, astoundingly, seems to hit the sweet spot.

It sits there displaying useful info waiting for your command, and comes to life when you ask it for help.

Almost the best thing about it is that it has no camera, allaying many security fears, and there's a hardware button you can test and trust to turn off the mic, too. Google's AI Assistant isn't quite up to Alexa's standards yet, but it's getting there and good enough right now. If you're in Google's eco-system, this is a great way to get Assistant help in the home hands-free...

SOUNDASLEEP BLUETOOTH PILLOW

£50, from soundasleeppillow.co.uk

I WOULD have loved one of these back in the days when the only way to follow a winter Test Match Down Under was to clutch a transistor radio to your ear in bed, trying not to wake the whole house up. Of course, you can watch the cricket on TV now, which is a lot less fun. Anyway, luckily for Soundasleep, there's a lot more to this device than that - it's a pillow with a built-in speaker and Bluetooth connectivity, so there are no wires to get tangled up.

Of course you can listen the radio on it, but it'll also play you meditation sounds to help you get off to sleep, and it'll monitor the quality and quantity of your sleep, too.

Howzat?



£239,950 LITTLE HALLINGBURY. Two bedroom character cottage in need of some modernisation and renovation. Two bedrooms, sitting room, separate dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, in excess of 100ft rear garden. Vacant possession and no onward chain. Sole agents.



£259,950 Sheering. Beautifully presented 1 bed character cottage with many period features including open fireplace and original timbers. With sitting room, kitchen, double bedroom, contemporary bathroom, long rear garden, gas central heating and double glazing. No chain.



£389,500 LITTLE HALLINGBURY. Beautifully presented 3 bedroom home which is just a short drive to Bishop's Cleeve town and train station. Luxury kitchen/dining room, utility room, good size sitting room, downstairs shower room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden backing on to open fields, garage and parking. Sole agents.



£400,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Church Walk). Renovated 3 bedroom detached home in a prime position of the village, 5 mins walk to the station and in the heart of the village. Extended by its current owner and scope for second storey extension (stpl). Driveway and parking for 2 cars. Sole agents.



£439,990 MATCHING GREEN (Colver). 3 bedroom semi-detached family home in this popular village centre location. Walking distance of well-regarded primary school and public house. Large open plan, spacious dining room, separate playroom, sitting room, downstairs shower room, first floor family bathroom, and front rear garden, driveway and parking. Sole agents.



£450,000 Sawbridgeworth (Seynburg Road). Detached 3 bedroom Victorian home. Close to town centre and walking distance of train station. Spacious sitting/dining room, good size kitchen, conservatory, 100ft rear garden. Must be viewed. Sole agents.



£625,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Great Hyde Hall). A unique 3 storey semi-detached property in the beautiful country house setting. Gilded entrance, short walk to train station, stunning views over the surrounding areas, 4-5 bedrooms, communal gardens, including tennis court, croquet lawn etc. Vacant possession can be offered. Sole agents.



£1,199,900 GREAT DUNMOW (Ongar Road). 5 bedroom, 5 bathroom detached town conversion in excess of 4,000 sq ft. Wonderful attention to detail with many exposed timbers, plot of approximately 1/3 acre with an independent 1 bedroom cottage/annexe, gated driveway and fine views over farmland. Offered with no onward chain. Joint sole agents.



£750 pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Waterside Place). Unfurnished one bed apartment situated in this ever popular Grade II listed building, just a 30 second walk from the mainline station. Entrance hall, bedroom with built-in wardrobe, updated bathroom, tiled kitchen and sitting rooms. Views over the communal gardens and parking. Available Mid January.



£900 pcm STANSTED (Recreation Ground). A ground floor two bedroom maisonette in a sought after location in the centre of Stansted, short walk to mainline station and facilities. The property comprises entrance hall, large kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room, two bedrooms and bathroom. There is allocated parking and garden to front.



£1,050 pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Ducking Lane). A two bed cottage in the village centre. Mainline railway station 8 mins walk. The property is offered unfurnished and enjoys a good sized sitting room, new kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms, en-suite, separate bathroom and communal terrace. Available Now.



£1,150 pcm DUNMOW (Mill Gate Cottages). Semi-detached three bedroom unfurnished cottage. Downstairs w.c., fitted kitchen leading to sitting/dining room, three bedrooms and family bathroom to first floor, large garden with ample parking and fine rural views. Available late December.



£1,250 pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Queens Close). 3 bedroom mid-terrace, unfurnished home only a short walk to amenities and station. Property comprises entrance hall, downstairs w.c., sitting/dining room, fitted kitchen with breakfast nook and conservatory, 3 bedrooms and family bathroom. Rear garden and garage.

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Friday 21st December 2018 9am-1pm

Saturday 22nd December 2018 9am-1pm

Sunday 23rd December 2018 CLOSED

Christmas Eve CLOSED

Christmas Day CLOSED

Boxing Day CLOSED

Thursday 27th December 2018 10am-1pm

Friday 28th December 2018 10am-1pm

Saturday 29th December 2018 10am-1pm

Sunday 30th December 2018 10am-1pm

New Year's Eve CLOSED

New Year's Day CLOSED

Wednesday 2nd January 2019

BUSINESS AS USUAL



TEST DRIVE

BMW 8 Series Coupe



A BEAST OF A CAR

BY **MAGGIE BARRY**

THE Beast from the East is here but this time it is looking very good.

This is because the beast is the new BMW 8 Series Coupe and the east ain't that far away - Munich to be precise.

"This is the rebirth of an icon," said Alex Morgan of BMW. "The return of our flagship model after 20 years."

"It is a major step upwards in terms of luxuriousness and has been developed alongside the BMW 8 GTE race car."

The result is a car that fuses dynamic driving with technical knowhow and the ultimate in luxury and refinement.

The epitome of this is the petrol driven M850i xDrive with 530ps, an electronically limited top speed of 155mph which completes the 0-62 dash in a mere 3.7 seconds.

The feeling behind the wheel as you press down and test that figure is quite remarkable.

The 850i and its stablemate the diesel 840d xDrive - top speed 155mph, 0-62 in 4.9 seconds and 320ps - have been designed by a Brit, John Buckingham, who works out of BMW's Californian design studio - and what a job he has made of them.

The car is stunning sitting low slung on big 20ins wheels. The front grille retains the signature BMW kidney shape but tweaked slightly and in the 850i the slots open automatically to let air in to reduce drag.

The bonnet is long and the silhouette elongated. It is deliberately wide at the rear to show off the

8's muscularity with a rear spoiler and twin trapezoidal exhausts. Coming up behind it is a joy and approaching it from the front you must take a second look.

"Have you seen the size of the brakes on this car?" my co-driver goggled. I hadn't yet looked but I sneaked a peek when we got out and oh my, they were big.

All of this pales into insignificance however when you turn on the engine and the soundtrack of this car echoes through the streets.

The 850i has a 4.4-litre V8 twin turbo-charged engine with variable valve control that roars and pops, particularly in sport mode, as you turn it along the road.

Both this car and its 3.0-litre six cylinder diesel sibling - not far

behind in the soundtrack stakes - have an eight-speed Steptronic automatic transmission or shift paddles on the steering wheel for manual application. They also feature a Launch Control function for ultimate acceleration from a standing start.

Inside they are all sophistication in leather and tech. Buttons and switches have been kept to a minimum for a sleek high-class look. The gearknob features what BMW call its crafted clarity glass with a floating 8 in it, there is loads of piano black gloss and the Harmon Kardon sound system has steel mesh speakers embedded in the door.

This new 8 series coupe is a rare and beautiful beast and a comfortable one too with extremely well

padded seats.

It is also, believe it or not, a four seater, well in truth a two plus two with space really only for young kids but what that means is that you can actually fold down the rear seats for more storage space.

And then there's the tech. BMW were anxious for us to try out their new reverse parking assistant - less of a high viz chap with paddles and more of an electronic whizz. It's designed for people to get in and out off their driveways safely with minimum effort and maximum safety.

You drive forward for less than 50 yards at under 20mph and the car remembers your track. When you want to leave you enable Park Assist, select reversing assistant, put the car

into reverse and all you have to do is work the brake and accelerator.

It can negotiate bends and corners as well as tables and chairs but not obstacles that were not there originally. Some time down the line we may find autonomous emergency reverse braking included in the tech when the car will stop itself faced with something new in its reversing way

Other driver assistance systems are also available and standard including a plethora of radars and sensors to warn of hazards and accident risks. There are corrective braking and steering features, cruise control, collision and pedestrian warning with city braking, an excellent head-up display and active park distance control.

The whole lot comes with BMW's Live Cockpit Professional with a 10.25-inch display commanded by a fingertip dial paired to a 12.3-inch instrument cluster. The sat nav works intelligently with the automatic transmission to let the car know when it is coming to a junction, for example, and the car shifts down.

Each of these cars benefits from permanent four wheel drive as standard.

The CO2 figures for the petrol are 221g/km and 160g/km for the diesel, a well-balanced and canny beast. Prices start at £76,270 for the 840d and £99,525 for the 850i.

Much of these systems and tech will be cascading down through other models shortly to be released, like the ever popular X5 and the backbone of BMW the new 3 Series.

Exciting times ahead - not least for the driver lucky enough to be sitting behind the wheel.



TEST DRIVE

DS7 Crossback Ultra Prestige 225 EATB

NEW DS 7 STANDS OUT FROM THE SUV CROWD



AT A GLANCE

- Model: DS 7 Crossback Ultra Prestige 225 EATB
- Price: £43,190
- Engine: 225bhp, 1,595cc 4cyl turbo petrol engine driving the front wheels
- Transmission: Eight-speed automatic gearbox
- Performance: 0 to 62mph 8.3 seconds, top speed 141mph
- Fuel consumption: 47.9mpg combined
- CO2: 135g/gm
- BIK rating: 28%
- Warranty: Three years/60,000 miles

BY DAVID WARD

IT'S four years now since the then Peugeot/Citroen group launched an all new marque in the shape of the DS as a kind of luxury arm stand alone brand, much as Toyota did by bringing in Lexus here 27 years ago.

Aiming to compete with the up market models from the likes of Audi, BMW and Jaguar there first serious contender here in the growing Sports Utility Vehicle – the DS 7 Crossback – recently made its debut.

The first of what will be six new DS models over the next few years this DS 7 is seen by PSA group bosses as the way forward with some of those future cars being electric powered although for starters there's a choice of either petrol or diesel engines.

Naturally these are from the group's current batch, which includes the highly efficient Pure Tech petrol engines already seen in current Peugeot and Citroen family cars, and the DS models use the same platforms too.

Key feature those is the DS 7's styling which from the ground upwards is new and clearly the backroom team did their homework thoroughly because it looks different from others in the same stable and is really a handsome looking up market SUV.

From the outside it may not look like a ground breaking model but it certainly different and a refreshing change from the usual batch of current compact SUVs around.

Testing the top of the range Ultra Prestige model at £43,190 (the range does start much cheaper at £28,095) and it's easy to see why the group's hopes are high for sales success with this front-wheel drive DS 7 because it's an extremely comfortable five adult seater car that excels as a quiet and refined motorway cruiser.

It's also equally at ease driving through heavy stop-start city/urban traffic where the smooth and quick eight-speed automatic gearbox comes into its making life so more relaxing for the driver.

Great help here is that it has an unusual but impressive suspension set up with MacPherson struts on the front and a multi-link arrangement at the rear is aided by a camera that's mounted behind the windscreen.

This analyses the road surface ahead for 20 metres and automatically sets up the ride, firm or soft, to ensure it keeps the car level over such bumpy or divoted road and is active for speeds up to 40mph.

It's all clever stuff and it does work well as experience on this test drive and it's a pity that it currently is only fitted to the Ultra Prestige versions and although the car offers a choice



of driving in sport or comfort mode the latter is the one to choose in my book.

It has no pretensions to be a sports SUV which in sport mode merely firms up the ride a little because to gain the best all round comfortable ride with its slightly softer suspension set up comfort mode is best.

The 1.6-litre 225bhp turbocharged petrol engine powered the test car was plentiful providing 0 to 62mph in 8.3 seconds but more crucially for most drivers it has good mid range quick acceleration for overtaking.

Drivers can opt over to do the work in manual mode but leaving the automatic to do its job quite efficiently and without any fuss

and for an automatic gearchange it proved decently economic in the fuel stakes returning an average of 43.6mpg on test compared to the official combined figure of 47.9mpg. In the cabin the DS 7 definitely excels as one would expect of a posh Citroen or Peugeot car with a bit of quirkiness here and there but overall really roomy and with some nice, distinctive touches of luxury.

The Ultra Prestige test car had diamond quilted leather seats and on the dashboard and fascia, air vents with smart gloss black surrounds and a nicely styled aluminium central console.

Nice too is the old fashioned styled 'proper' clocks with hands indicating the time that's positioned

on top of the dashboard.

There's a 12-inch touchscreen and naturally all linked into the usual plethora of today's modern communications on the move set ups on board while the adjustable driving position is decent enough to suit most people's sizes.

Talking of space the rear seats are excellent in not only being comfortable but also there's ample head and leg room to accommodate three adults plus the boot side of 555 litres is impressive with good access for loads at the rear.

As one would expect for a flagship model the Ultra Prestige tested had loads of driver assist features such as keeping lane assist, blind spot monitoring, plus driver attention assist and traffic sign recognition and much more.

The PSA group are making a big statement with this DS 7 and whilst in some areas they've still a little way to go to reach levels of their more illustrious and experienced German rivals in this sector it's certainly a really impressive start.

For those would-be buyers who may not be able to finance the range-topping Ultra Prestige tested here should take a serious look at the entry-level DS 7 at £28,095 which obviously misses out on some of the top fittings and furnishings but has many of the other attributes and offers excellent value for money.

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The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate:

- proven track record in leading a finance function ensuring sound financial controls and producing and interpreting management accounts, financial forecasts and statutory returns
- strong interpersonal skills with the ability to influence decisions and communicate clearly with staff at all levels including Trustees
- excellent IT skills with the ability to manage, manipulate and interpret financial data to inform the strategic decisions of the Trust
- the drive and ambition to develop the finance function to be the best that it can be through robust management and leadership of the Finance Team and its activities

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For further details, please contact Tracey Backman, HR Director - tba@generationsmat.herts.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: 9:00am 17th December 2018

Interviews will be held week commencing 17th December 2018

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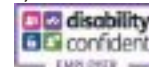
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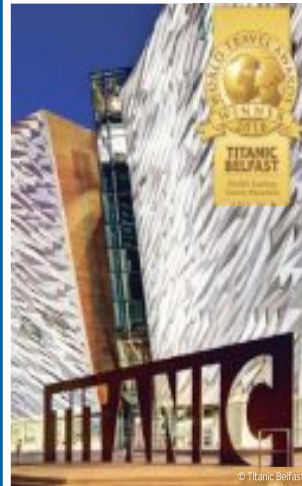
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Hackney and Private Hire Driver's Licence	
New driver annual licence	£240.00
New 3 year driver licence	£405.00
Annual driver licence renewal	£124.00
Three year driver licence renewal	£295.00
New driver licence of less than 1 year	£240.00
Driver licence renewal for less than 1 year	£67.00
Plus £5.00 for each whole or part of a calendar month to a maximum of £124.00	

Driver licences for less than 1 year shall only be issued where the applicant is subject to immigration controls.

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

New vehicle and renewal	£298.00
A rebate of £18.00 shall be paid for each unexpired whole calendar month against a new vehicle licence on surrender of an existing vehicle licence and return of door panels and plate.	

Private Hire Vehicle Licence

New vehicle and renewal	£298.00
A rebate of £18.00 shall be paid for each unexpired whole calendar month against a new vehicle licence on surrender of an existing vehicle licence and return of door panels and plate.	

Knowledge test

DBS Check (first check after 1st April 2018)	£53.00
DBS Check (each subsequent check after 1st April 2018)	£44.00
Training (CSE and DA)	£64.00
Annual Private Hire Operator Licence	£50.00
Five Year Private Hire Operator Licence	£297.00
Five Year Private Hire Operator Licence	£710.00

Representations may be made to the Council within 28 days of the date of this notice at the Licensing Authority, Harlow Council, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1WG
3rd December 2018

Michael Pitt
Environment and Licensing Manager
Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1WG

HARLOW DISTRICT COUNCIL

TENDER FOR MOT AND COMPLIANCE TESTING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Harlow Council, being the Licensing Authority, invites tenders from suitably qualified and experienced garage proprietors situated within the district of Harlow, who wish to bid for a contract for the MOT and Compliance Testing of Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles.

The services will involve approximately 510 MOT/ Compliance Tests for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles per annum (comprising of approx. 310 MOT and 200 mid-term compliance tests). The volume of work cannot be guaranteed and the information supplied is for indicative purposes only as numbers may fluctuate year on year.

The contract shall have a duration of twelve months, commencing 25th April 2019. The Council may, at its sole discretion, extend the contract on annual basis for an aggregate period not exceeding thirty-six months.

Tender Documents will be available from 11 December 2018. Organisations interested in receiving a set of Tender documents should register via e-mail: carolyn.livingstone@harlow.gov.uk

The deadline for the receipt of Tenders is noon on 16 January 2019.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)

ACT 1990

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)

Regulations 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Plans and Consultation)

Directions 1992

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been received by Harlow District Council. These applications and others received can be inspected at Harlow Council Planning Services, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1WG on Monday - Friday, 9am - 4:45pm. If you are unable to view the plans during these times, please telephone Planning Services on (01279) 446856 where a suitable appointment can be made with the relevant case officer.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Application No: HW/FUL/18/00532 Ward: Sumners And Kingsmoor

Application Type: Full Application

Location: 6 Burnett Park Harlow Essex CM19 4SD

Proposal: Erection of New Two Storey Dwelling

Reason for Advert: Local Public Interest

Essex County Council

(Various Roads, District of Harlow) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Clearway) (No.7) Order 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order:

- To temporarily close the various lengths of road in the District of Harlow as specified in the schedule to this Order.
- A temporary 'No Stopping' restriction will be introduced on both sides of carriageway on the above lengths of roads for the duration of the closure to facilitate the works. Signs will be installed indicating when the No Stopping restriction will be in force.

"The District of Harlow (On Street) (Waiting, Loading and Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2011" will be temporarily amended to include the temporary 'No Stopping at Any Time' restriction and suspend any existing parking and waiting restrictions on the above lengths of roads only. All other restrictions and exemptions contained in the aforementioned Order and Amendments to that Order shall remain in force.

The works being undertaken will take place within an 18-month period from 20th December 2018, exact dates will be specified on <http://roadworks.org/>. The roads will be closed to facilitate each phase and then re-opened to the public. Access will be maintained for emergency services. Diversion routes will be signed at each location and residents will be informed of the dates of each phase via letter/leaflet drop and advanced warning signs on the road. For all enquiries please contact our Contact Centre on 0345 603 7631.

The Order will come into effect on 20th December 2018 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Schedule

Road	Description	Alternative Route
Northbrooks/ Sharpecroft, Harlow	From its junction with Little Grove Field to its junction with Harberts Road, a distance of approximately 735m	Sharpecroft, Little Grove Field, Wedthorpe, Harberts Road and vice versa
Broadway Avenue, Harlow	From its junction with Park Hill to end of road, a distance of approximately 215m	No diversion available
Glebelands, Harlow	From its junction with Tanys Dell to its junction with Mowbray Road, a distance of approximately 195m	Glebelands, Mowbray Road and vice versa
Spring Hill, Harlow	From its junction with Hobtoe Road to its junction with Hobtoe Road, a distance of approximately 458m	Hobtoe Road and vice versa
Harolds Road, Harlow	From its junction with A1169 Elizabeth Way to its junction with Horsecroft Road, a distance of approximately 326m	A1169 Elizabeth Way, Barrows Road, Horsecroft Road and vice versa
Brockles Mead, Harlow	From its junction with Ployters Road to end of road, a distance of approximately 286m	No diversion available
Coldharbour Road, Harlow	From its junction with Coldharbour Road to its junction with A1169 Elizabeth Way, a distance of approximately 588m	Coldharbour Road, Fourth Avenue, A1169 Elizabeth Way and vice versa
Collins Meadow, Harlow	From its junction with Helions Road to its junction with Helions Road, a distance of approximately 500m	Helions Road and vice versa
Station Road/Priory Avenue, Harlow	From its junction with Manor Road to its junction with Station Road (A414 RAB), a distance of approximately 293m	Manor Road, The Hill, Wayre Street, High Street, Station Road and vice versa
Water Lane, Harlow	From its junction with A1169 Southern Way RAB to its junction with B181 Epping Road RAB, a distance of approximately 1350m	A1169 Southern Way, A414, Hastingwood RAB, B1393 London Road, B1393 High Road, B181 Lindsey Street, B181, B181 Epping Road, and vice versa
A1169 Third Avenue, Harlow	From its junction with Peldon Road RAB to its junction with Elizabeth Way RAB, a distance of approximately 624m	A1169 Elizabeth Way, A1019 Fifth Avenue, A1019 Velizy Avenue, A1025 Third Avenue and vice versa

(Potash Road, Matching) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: To temporarily close that length of Potash Road, Matching in the District of Epping Forest, from a point approximately 450m north of its junction with Anchor Lane for a distance of approximately 80m in a northerly direction. The closure is scheduled to commence on 10th January 2019 for 5 days, or where stated on a valid permit (BC006MU1WBAUSEIBW1J9LK02 - BT). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on www.roadworks.org. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce whilst renewing cover in the footway works are undertaken by BT.

An alternative route is available via Chelmsford Road, Church Lane, Matching Lane, Snows Farm Lane, Anchor Lane and vice versa.

The Order will come into effect on 20th December 2018 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

(Hoe Lane, Nazeing) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: To temporarily close that length of Hoe Lane, Nazeing in the District of Epping Forest, from a point approximately 250 northeast of its junction with Palmers Grove for a distance of approximately 50m in a northeasterly direction. The closure is scheduled to commence on 9th January 2019 for 1 day, or where stated on a valid permit (BC006MU1WBAUSEIBW4C8DJ02 - BT). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on www.roadworks.org. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while building a new joint box works are undertaken by BT.

An alternative route is available via Middle Street, Nazeing Common, Betts Lane and vice versa.

The Order came into effect on 6th December 2018 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

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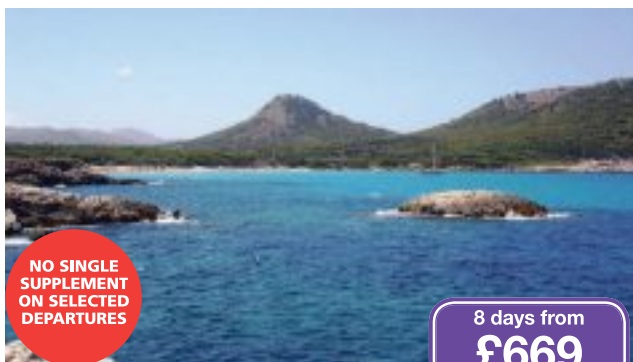
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CLAUDIA, 61yrs, housewife, pretty, athletic, tall, slim, lovely hair & teeth. WLMH gent of any age for like pleasures. Text Only. Box 432049

CAROLINE, 40yrs, slim, fit, attractive. Happily married but alone weekdays. Hoping to meet a discreet gent any age for some fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 4456 Box No: 432883

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ALICE, pretty petite lady, dark hair & eyes. 38yrs. Very lonely and sad. Hoping to find a nice older gentleman to share me up. Text Only. Box 418169

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British bronze for judo teen

OWEN BATTLES BACK AFTER CONTROVERSIAL LOSS

By **ANDREW FRANCAZAK**
andrew.franczak@reachplc.com

A TEENAGE judo player from Stanstead Abbots has enjoyed the best result of his sporting career so far after picking up a bronze medal at the prestigious British Championships in Sheffield.

Thirteen-year-old Owen Lambert, a member of Harlow Judo Club, made the long trip to the English Institute of Sport for the event which attracts the best players from all over the country.

Lambert was the club's sole representative at the championships, which was a five-mat event split over the weekend.

He competed in the Pre-Cadets section on Sunday and Lambert's weight group (U42 kg), saw two groups battle for honours.

The youngster knew it was not going to be easy, but he sailed through the first round.

However, he lost the second round due to a technicality but sadly, the referee's decision stood which meant that he was out of contention for the gold medal.

Dropping down to the repechage, this meant Lambert had to win every fight to make it to the cross-over and continue wto triumph for a shot at earning himself a bronze medal.

With a total of seven fights behind him, holding his nerve, the young judoka displayed some scintillating, explosive techniques which drew gasps from those watching his mat.

Lambert fought his heart out and gave his all in every fight, to win a hard-earned bronze medal in his last fight of the day.

Harlow Judo Club head coach Mick Ellis, who coached his young charge during the five mat event, said: "Owen, since moving up to his new weight group in July, has dominated his group throughout his competition.

"He has shown superb techniques that I cannot fault apart from round two where he got stitched up on a technicality.

"The referee's decision went against Owen in that he over committed to his throw, and technically threw himself giving his opponent the Ippon win which stopped him from going for the gold. Decisions

Owen Lambert with his bronze medal



can very rarely be overturned.

"If it's any consolation, as Owen then dropped to the repechage for the bronze medal, he had to fight this player again, but this time made sure he won.

"However, it was a great day's work and I cannot fault his performance."

The club is always on the lookout for sponsorship, contact Gill Ellis on gillianellis48@yahoo.co.uk or call 07976 955905 for further details.

Harlow Judo Club, who are based in Foldcroft, also caters for those with special needs. For training times see www.harlowjudoclub.com.

Sports stars honoured at awards night

INTERNATIONAL gymnastics coach Scott Hann was on hand to present the prizes as members of the local sporting community were honoured at the recent Active Harlow Sports Awards.

Hann, who is from Harlow and coaches double Olympic gold medallist Max Whitlock, joined the chairman of Harlow Council, Cllr Maggie Hulcoop, for the event at the Civic Centre. More than 100 public nominations were received and the standard was exceptionally high.

England netball star Jo Harten collected the Sports Personality of the Year award. She competed for England at the Commonwealth Games in Australia where she scored a dramatic last second goal to claim victory against Jamaica in the semi-final.

Harten went on to play an important role in a thrilling final against Australia where the team won a gold medal. She is part of the England team who won Team of the Year at the Sunday Times Sportswomen of the Year awards and is also nominated for BT Sport Team of the Year.

Runners-up were Steven Mitchinson (bowls); Richard Chiassaro; Gail Nicholls (triathlon).

The Disability Sports Personality of the Year was won by wheelchair racer Richard Chiassaro.

He broke the T54 World Record for 800m earlier this year and was co-captain for Team GB at World Para Athletics European Championships. He also won bronze at London 2017 World Para Athletics Championships and improved his own 400m European record.

Chiassaro also coaches his own wheelchair racing squad and supports the High Rollers Wheelchair Basketball Club.

Other award winners (winners followed by runners-up): Unsung Hero - Nicola Arnold (Harlow Penguins); Tara Whittle (Nordic walking); Roy Stevens (Harlow Running Club). Finalists: Emma Hastings (Northbrooks FC); Kaylee Holgate (Barracuda Swimming Club). Young Volunteer - Isobelle Morris (Harlow Penguins); Thomas Penketh (Harlow junior parkrun). Changing Lives through Sport and Physical Activity - Little Scrummers; Tara Whittle; Dave Gordon (St Mark's West Essex Catholic School). Finalists: MGM Clinics; Harlow parkrun; Changing Lives; Pemberley Academy; Harlow junior parkrun. Community Club of the Year - Harlow Judo Club; Harlow Tri Club; Frontiers Youth FC. Little Scrummers; Northbrooks FC. Coach of the Year - Mick Ellis (Harlow Judo Club); Garry Leach (Flight Trampoline Club); Luke Shipwright (Harlow Jiu-Jitsu Club). Finalists: David Stacey (School Games Organiser); Tom Kavanagh (Little Scrummers); Paul Eynon (Harlow Rugby Club); Rebecca Conway (PE Teacher, Passmores Academy). Education Champion of the Year - Pemberley Academy; Abbotswood Primary School; Passmores Academy Sports Leaders. Finalists: Church Langley Primary School. Young Sports Personality of the Year - Sheri-Anne Smith (equestrian and cheerleading); Kai Boggon (triathlon); Owen Lambert (judo). Finalists: Daniel McKenzie (bowls); Curtis and Sophia Elton (ice skating). Disability Sports Personality of the Year - Richard Chiassaro (wheelchair racing). Services to Inclusive Sport - Barracuda Swimming Club; Tara Whittle (nordic walking). Active in the Workplace - HTS (Property & Environment) Ltd; Christopher Tuckett (Princes Alexandra Hospital, physiotherapist); Harlow Council.



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